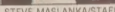


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Brand-new AHS opens with a flourish

CORRESPONDENT

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Brand-new AHS opens with a flourish

STAFF WRITER

Throughout the one-hour presentation, Booker gave way to numerous speakers who were integral in the planning and building since day one 10 years ago. One was Mayor Allan Maris.



he waved his red-stitched, Albany cap above his head in jubilation. Maris was referring to the football squad's 49-16 homecoming game victory the night before over visiting Castlemont.

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School elevator doesn't measure up, inspectors say

STAFF WRITER

"The gurneys aren't that wide but you might have people on the side," Albany Fire Marshal Brian Crudo said.

Until last week when the state issued a temporary permit, handicapped students and staff could use only the building's first floor, which has no classrooms. Classes have had to meet in various labs. A chemistry teacher, on crutches,

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ELECTION 2001: EL CERRITO

Musical chairs: 4 candidates for 3 council seats in El Cerrito

TIMES STAFF WRITER

The city has a mix of housing, from low income apartments,

The Nov. 6 election comes a

Age: 44

Positions: Continue capital investment in city streets, play fields and building a new civic center. Economic development should include revitalizing San Pablo Avenue and building office or business clusters.



Age: 50

Positions: Strong advocate of sustainable economic development which means affordable housing, infill housing and transit-oriented development. Favor of



Age: 36

marketing itself to attract and keep customers at local businesses. Economic development won't work without selling the Need a new city hall or civic center and should explore funding



Age: 34

housing, especially low-income housing. Low-income housing is a deterrent to development. Need to build a partnership with Richmond to revitalize San Pablo Avenue. Need a new City Hall with



All of the candidates stress the

"We are experiencing excel-

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Campbell at ECDC dinner

The El Cerrito Democratic Club's annual dinner, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, will provide local Democrats to hear former Assemblyman Bob Campbell talk about changes in politics. State Senator Tom Torlakson and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, who under the new reapportionment plan will now represent Kensington and El Cerrito, have also been invited. Doors at the Mira Vista United Church of Christ (7075 Cutting Blvd.) open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m. Dinner reservations are \$20 for adults, children under 12 are \$10. Details: 510-527-2194.

Harding School Carnival

Everyone is invited to the Harding Elementary School Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the playground of the school at the corner of Fairmount and Ashbury avenues in El Cerrito. Game booths, entertainment, face painting, arts and crafts, barbecue, pumpkin patch and Haunted House.

Socratic Circle

Does your brain need a work out? All ages are welcome when Cafe Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave., presents Socratic Circle Discussions Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. Details: 510-527-2344.

Composting class

Learn to recycle yard and vegetable trimmings in your own backyard. A free home composting workshop will be held from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the integrated Resource Recovery Facility, 101 Pittsburg Ave. (just off the Richmond



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Chalk It Up Festival

TEN BUCKS gets you a cement square for the day, a box of 24 chalk pastels (to keep) and the freedom to go artistic at Marin School's benefit for its fine-arts program Saturday. The public is invited to come by any time from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the school at 1001 Santa Fe Ave., Albany. For more details call 510-559-6520.

Parkway). No need to buy fertilizer anymore. Win a free composter or buy one at a reduced price. To sign up call 510-215-3021.

AAUW Harvest Supper

The West Contra Costa chapter of the American Association of University Women will host a Harvest Supper at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Masonic Lodge, 6922 Stockton Ave. in El

Cerrito. The guest speaker is Dima Malhas, graduate in International Law and presently a law student at Golden Gate University. Soup, salad and dessert will be served. To reserve a place call Marjorie Abraham at 510-525-6042 or e-mail her at Mab999999@aol.com by Oct. 20. Cost is \$10 payable at the door and proceeds will go to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Focus on Wee Play children's playcenter

This place is so cute and the concept is brilliant. Wee Play is a children's playcenter right here in Albany owned and operated by local moms that offers an exciting and creative developmental play program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents and or care-givers.

When you enter this indoor playground for kids, you immediately find comfort in the wall-to-wall cushy matting covering the entire floor. No child can fall down and hurt him or herself no matter the speed or trajectory. Trust me.

The genius behind this utopia for the very small lies with Lori Krueger Saaf and Renee Hoyer-Nielsen who became friends at a new mom's class and conceived this idea some time later.

Wee classes are offered in a four-week series. Each class is 45 minutes long, with the instruction lasting 30 minutes and a free-play period of 5 minutes before and 10 minutes after. The classes are geared to a child's age and development. There are

classes for newborn to 6 months, 6-12 months, 10-18 months, 14-28 months, 2 and 3 year olds and 4/5 and 5/6 olds. Notice how people dealing with "wee people" don't make the conversion from months to years until age 2? Just something I've noticed.

Anyhoo, Wee Play is located at 1228 Solano Ave., telephone 524-1318, fax 524-1319 or www.wee-play.com and if you have wee ones in these age brackets, you may want to give Wee Play a call. Welcome to the neighborhood Lori and Renee at Wee Play.

Mixer at Albany Bowl

Once again our friend John Tierney at Albany Bowl will be hosting one of his super mixers. It will be a time to gather with fellow members for food and libations. Come join us at Albany Bowl, 540 San Pablo Ave., from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Other Important doings

■ Albany Fire Department Open House and Pancake Break-

ROXANNE WILEY Albany Chamber

fast. Come and break bread (actually pancakes) with our local lifesavers. Learn to use a fire extinguisher, learn about disaster preparedness, see live demonstrations and see the engines and ambulances up close and personal, from 9-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

■ Senior Center is having a Pasta Dinner from 3-6 p.m. on Oct. 21. The Lions Club will be doing the cooking.

■ The League of Women Voters is hosting another debate on Measure C (the election or appointment of the Police Chief) at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 29, at the Albany Senior Center.

■ And finally, Entertainment Books are now available at the Chamber

POLICE REPORTS

Homecoming arrives and the eggs fly

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On Oct. 1 an Oakland man reported thieves had stole the back wheel, battery and other items from his '81 Suzuki 450 motorcycle parked on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue.

■ Just before midnight on Oct. 1 a security guard at the Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard reported vandals had egged the high school. He saw a white male on a skateboard who got into a white mini van that departed on Portland Avenue.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 2 a resident at 555 Pierce Street reported his tan '78 Plymouth Volare was vandalized the previous night.

■ At about 6 p.m. on Oct. 2 officers contacted a 41-year-old Walnut Creek man near Cleveland and Solano avenues for suspicious activity. A check found he had \$10,000 in outstanding warrants from East Bay Regional Park Police. He was arrested and cited.

■ On Oct. 3 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that vandals broke into her gold '87 Volvo.

■ On Oct. 3 a resident on the 500 block of Adams Street reported someone threw eggs at her house.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Oct. 4 the security guard at Albany High School again reported a subject in a white '86 Volvo threw eggs at the school building. He gave officers a license plate number.

■ On Oct. 4 Berkeley police reported locating a red '86 Toyota stolen from Al-

bany. It was not wrecked. The owner was notified.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 4 officers responded to Albany Middle School on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue on reports of a student in possession of marijuana. Officers arrested the Albany boy and released him to his parents.

■ On the night of Oct. 4 officers responded to several reports of teens throwing eggs at vehicles and houses. There were also reports of youths with shaving cream, chocolate syrup, red paint and toilet paper.

■ A resident on the 1500 block of Albany Terrace reported that their house had been egged three times during the week.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 5 officers stopped a white '86 Toyota pickup near Solano Avenue and Madison Street for vehicle code violations. The 21-year-old driver had \$2,500 in outstanding Contra Costa County warrants for battery, vandalism, assault and DUI. He was arrested and taken to the Martinez jail.

■ On Oct. 5 a business owner reported his business on the 1000 block of Solano Avenue was burgled. Cash and items were taken.

■ On Oct. 5 a resident at 555 Pierce Street reported his white '86 Volkswagen was burgled.

■ On Oct. 5 a resident on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue reported thieves had stolen his white Toyota Corolla that was parked in the building garage.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 6 officers stopped a gray '89 Toyota for erratic dri-

ving. The driver, a 21-year-old Oakland woman, was found to be intoxicated. She was arrested for DUI.

■ On Oct. 6 a resident on the 1100 block of Cornell Avenue reported that during the night his '95 Toyota Corone was burgled.

■ On Oct. 6 a resident on the 700 block of Gateview reported someone kicked in a garage door in, breaking it.

■ On Oct. 7 a resident on the 500 block of Jackson Street reported his black '94 Honda Prelude was burgled.

■ On Oct. 7 a resident on the 800 block of Jackson Street reported her '91 Honda parked in the carport area was burgled.

■ At about 10 p.m. on Oct. 7 the security guard at 555 Pierce Street reported a subject for selling marijuana at the parking lot. Officers arrested the 21-year-old Albany woman for possession of drugs and possession of a controlled substance. She was cited and transported to the Santa Rita Jail.

During the week of Oct. 7 officers towed two vehicles, responded to 19 noise alarms, attended to four lost or deceased animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to four reports of a barking dog. In the domestic violence cases responded to one standby, 12 calls, disturbances and 133 civil assists. Officers stopped 103 cars and/or pedestrians issuing 50 citations and 53 warnings. Firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and 19 medical emergencies.

Stolen mail recovered in stolen car

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — At 2:45 a.m. on Oct. 8 police noticed a suspicious vehicle with three occupants westbound on Fairmount Avenue near the Plaza. The California Highway Patrol had reported the vehicle, a 1987 Toyota Camry, as stolen the day before. The car was stopped and the three occupants were arrested without incident. The three suspects — a 19-year-old Berkeley man, a 21-year-old El Cerrito man and a 23-year-old Albany man — were arrested for motor vehicle theft and possession of stolen property. The Berkeley and Albany men were released pending further investigation, the El Cerrito man was transported to county jail.

■ At 1 p.m. on Oct. 3 police received report of a suspected shoplifter being detained at the Longs Drugs store on San Pablo Avenue. A 41-year-old Oakland man had allegedly tried to steal \$10 worth of merchandise from the store. The suspect was arrested for petty theft with prior theft convictions and taken to jail.

■ At 1:15 a.m. on Sept. 28 somebody either threw or shot a spark plug into the window of a jewelry store in the 10500 block of San Pablo Avenue. The white porcelain part of the spark

plug was found at the scene and it made a hole in the window a half-inch in diameter. Cost to replace the window was estimated at \$300.

■ At 12:36 p.m. on Sept. 28 a woman in the Super Stop store on San Pablo Avenue reportedly placed three store items in her purse and walked out without paying. The suspect is a 33-year-old Richmond woman. The police report lists an unidentified woman as a second suspect.

■ At 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 a man entered the Plaza Longs Drugs, took a backpack from a shelf and put store merchandise into the backpack. The man was stopped by store security after he left the store without paying for the merchandise. A struggle ensued and the man fled the scene. The suspect is a 32-year-old Richmond man.

■ Just after noon on Sept. 26 it was reported that somebody forced open the locked door of a Ford van parked on the street in the 800 block of Pomona Avenue and stole some tools stored in the back of the van. Property loss was estimated at \$1,633. There were no witnesses.

■ At 5:20 p.m. on Sept. 26 a man tried to cash a counterfeit check at the California Check Cashing Store on San Pablo Avenue. The suspect is a 20-year-old Richmond resident.

■ Sometime between 6 p.m. on Sept. 25 and 8 a.m. on Sept. 26 somebody stole \$1,200 worth of hang-gliding

equipment out of an SUV parked in the driveway of a home in the 500 block of Colusa Avenue. There were no witnesses to the crime.

■ On Sept. 25 it was reported that mail was stolen from the mailbox of a residence in the 8400 block of Wilcox Drive. The mail was later found in a stolen vehicle recovered by police.

■ At 1:04 p.m. on Sept. 22 a woman living in the 800 block of Liberty Street reported that over the past several months somebody has been throwing cigarettes into her backyard and has started throwing empty alcohol bottles as well.

■ At 3 p.m. on Sept. 24 two sisters apparently got in a fight over the care of their 77-year-old father. One of the sisters allegedly grabbed the other by the throat. The police report lists the victim as a 49-year-old El Cerrito woman and the suspect as a 43-year-old El Sobrante woman.

■ At 8:23 p.m. on Sept. 21 some trouble was reported at a retirement home in the 6500 block of Gladys Avenue. A 59-year-old woman resident of the home reportedly hit another resident, an 85-year-old woman, with a cane. The older woman was injured on her hip and two stitches were required to close the wound. The police report states that the suspect, the younger woman, "has had numerous problems with people" at the home and eviction proceedings have begun.

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Teach-in addresses Afghanistan, Taliban

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

It may be hard, even unpopular, to teach tolerance and understanding in a time of war, but that's what Vista Community College's Oct. 5 Teach-In: Building a Free Community event last Friday — two days before the start of American attacks on Afghanistan — drew more than 100 students and others to Vista's annex building in Berkeley.

The daylong event included panel discussions on American involvement in the Middle East, workshops on dealing with stress, a discussion on Islam, a talk about civil liberties and the possible military draft, organizing for information and a "literature room" where participants were invited to "make your own hate armband."

An afternoon panel discussion included Dr. Agha Saeed, a political science and cultural studies professor at UC Berkeley and Cal State Hayward who is the national chairman of the American Muslim Alliance, drew an overflow crowd. Saeed addressed the topic of Afghanistan and the Taliban.

Soviet-style communistic rule in Afghanistan and later American actions in the 1980s destabilized the country and created a "culture of violence," he said. "Still there are the largest number of unexploded mines in that country," Saeed told the audience. "You have a scene of 'hunger, poverty, famine,'" he said. "You had occupation of 10 years — 1.5 million people killed. Ten million people made homeless, internally and externally, that's half your population. And what you are left with when these people are expelled is left with people with all the guns. 'You see civil war for 10 years, people killing and being killed,' Saeed said, putting himself in the shoes of a young Afghan. 'You see a western world that



JOANNA JHANDAHILLS

VISTA STUDENT Minny Ng donned a peace wristband as she made a poster reading "Let Us Not Become the Monster in Our Response to Sept. 11," at the school's Oct. 5 Teach-in.

does not care — that used you against the Soviets when it was convenient and then left. What we have then is we constructed a huge war machine — a system of violence and terror — and then we left it in place and came here, hoping that it will automatically correct itself and become a democratic regime," Saeed said about past U.S. policy with Afghanistan.

Speaking to the Taliban's rise to power, Saeed said that when the United States was arming and supporting the Afghan freedom fighters against the Soviets, the Taliban was just one of 15 groups. Each group, after the Soviets were expelled, competed for power and "every group had to say I am more Islamic than you are" to appeal to the populace, according to Saeed. "Because there was no other ideology of self-justification. There was no other ideology of selling yourself to the masses. There was no ideology to bring people together except in the name of religion."

"How do you tell people that you are more pious? How do you tell people that you are more Islamic? One way of doing that is that you start applying more and

more Islamic rules, even those which have been seen as historically anachronistic, which have been discontinued. You bring them back."

Joan Berezin, a history instructor at Vista and coordinator of last week's event, said Tuesday that after the American attacks on Afghanistan, the Teach-In became even more significant.

"It gave people, right before it happened, a way to think about the fact that it was going to happen," Berezin said. "People said they didn't feel as taken by surprise. They had a much better sense of where Afghanistan was and (learned) a lot more about it."

Saeed said the future occupation of Afghanistan by the United States "might become a fact."

"All the reasons of occupation are reasons of traditional colonial occupation," he said. "It brings us back to the same relationship between the occupier and occupied — of a parent and child — of master and servant. After the end of the Cold War we have not gone forward; we have gone backward."

City urges settlement with grocery clerks

The City Council would like to see grocery clerks remain on the job in El Cerrito and the rest of the Bay Area.

After hearing a plea from a union representative, the Council unanimously passed a resolution last week urging the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1179, and Safeway and Albertson's grocery stores to go back to the bargaining table to avoid a strike. Local workers have been offered the same as Sacramento-area workers, Gregg Davidson, special project union representative of the UFCW, said.

"We explained to the employers at the outset of negotiations that the Sacramento offer was not going to be good enough because it did not address that the cost of living in the Bay Area is higher than Sacramento," Davidson told the council. The council was being asked "to take a positive role in bringing the parties to the table," Councilman Mark Friedman said. "Certainly we aren't up on the details of the negotiations and I don't think it's necessary for us to be because it seems only right and fair that the parties work this out for the good of the parties involved and our community," he said. "I don't want to see El Cerritos have to drive to Sacramento to buy groceries."

The council heard a presentation by Ceil Scandone of the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development and endorsed the organization's Draft Compact for a Sustainable Bay Area. The draft compact, developed over the past four years by the alliance, was described as "a tool to begin a regional conversation about how

the Bay Area can grow in a more sustainable manner."

"We are inviting comment and we're also inviting support," Scandone said. "What we are hoping to gain from this is support from elected officials throughout the region as well as private sector leaders."

"This process is intended to put forward a vision. It's intended to look at a very wide range of issues that challenge the sustainability of our region."

The draft compact listed 10 "commitments to action" that include sufficient housing affordable to all income levels, transportation investment "to achieve a world-class comprehensive, integrated and balanced" system, focused investment to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, promotion of healthy and safe communities, and local government fiscal reforms and revenue sharing.

The draft compact has been posted on the Bay Area Alliance Web site at www.BayAreaAlliance.org.

Teens Read Week

Next week, Oct. 14-20, has been proclaimed Teen Read Week in the city. The city procla-

mation, approved by the council last week, states that "the ability to read and process information is a basic survival skill in our global information society."

"The most effective way to improve reading skills is to read regularly and often," the proclamation notes. "Too few teens think reading is a valuable tool for enjoyment and relaxation as well as for schoolwork," it adds. "Regular daily reading for the fun of it creates the reading habit for life."

Linda Waldroup, acting branch librarian at the El Cerrito Library, said Teen Read Week is part of national literacy campaign aimed at teens and others and has been celebrated during the third week in October every year since 1998.

"This year the theme is Make Reading a Hobby," Waldroup said. "It celebrates the popularity of fantasy literature with teens. 'The Hobbit' has been voted one of the most popular books in the last two Teen Read Week reading surveys," she added. "Many of the teen readers get caught up in the Middle Earth, in the world of 'The Hobbit,' then go on the read 'The Lord of the Rings' trilogy, an epic tale of a perilous quest to save humanity."

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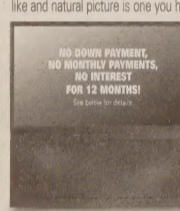
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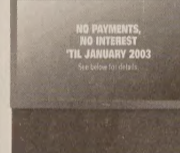
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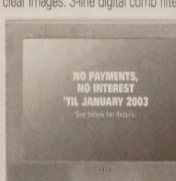
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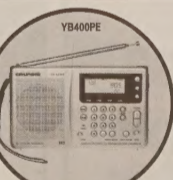
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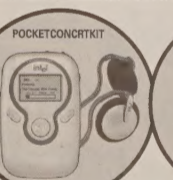
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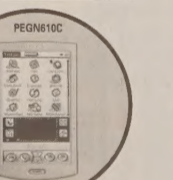
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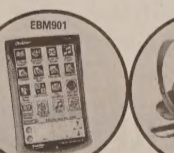
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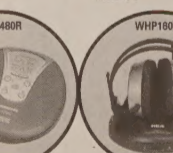
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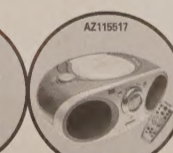
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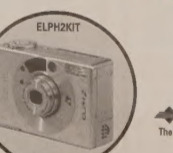
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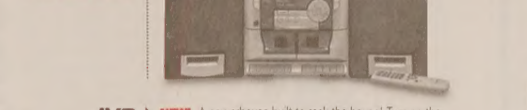
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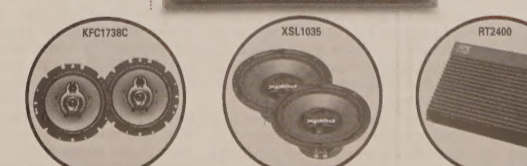
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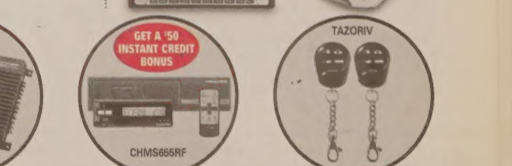
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Opinion

EDITORIAL

They are all one, now

AND SO IT BEGINS. The East Bay has been through this before. During World War II and the Korean War, millions of soldiers boarded ships in Bay Area destined for Guadalcanal, Leyte, Luzon, Australia, Iwo Jima, Inchon, Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone.

Many of those soldiers who came through here or received their discharge papers here stuck around. Their descendants are among us today. They were Italian, English, Filipino, Irish, Mexican, African and from every continent in the world.

They were working class, farmers, carpenters, high-school graduates and a few so-called well-to-do. The one thing they had in common was that they were all American.

They left behind families, loved ones, children and all they held dear because they believed in this country and the values espoused by its the men and women who founded this country.

The people who founded the first European communities on the Eastern Seaboard came to this country fleeing the religious persecution and social inequities of the Old World.

Many seeking riches and those wanting to save the souls of this country's native inhabitants brought their prejudices and biases with them.

Some people came to these shores unwillingly as indentured servants and as slaves. The indigenous people who lost their lands to the hordes of immigrants found themselves on reservations, usually the harshest or least-wanted land.

America certainly had enough reasons to fight among ourselves. And we did. And in many ways, we still do.

But when the World Trade Center came crashing down, everyone got covered in a gray coating of dust. You couldn't discern their skin color. They were all victims. They were all one.

When the jetliner crashed into the Pentagon, the first rescuers were the military personnel nearby. They saved their comrades and co-workers inside without first checking their skin color, their religious affiliation or their rank. They were all victims. They were all one.

Among the first people to set up prayer services for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks were churches that service the black community. And later when ecumenical services were held, no one checked their race or baptismal records. The Muslim community cried for all the dead when they heard of the attacks. They were all victims. They were all one.

And Sunday, when the bombing of Afghanistan began, U.S. soldiers gathered their gear and boarded air transports for destinations in the Middle East to fight a battle they never wanted to fight. They go because they serve this country and they believe in the values espoused by its leaders and founders.

They wear the camouflage colorings of the military. They march to war: The Italians, Mexicans, Africans, Filipinos, the Russians, Irish, Cubans, Vietnamese, Indians, Native Americans and a host of other nationalities and ethnicities.

They are college graduates, high-school graduates, laborers, accountants, librarians, teachers, carpenters and they came from the whole social strata of this great nation.

The men and women march in lock-step. They are all Americans. They are all one.

Most area schools are shabby, not chic

If you're in charge of school-age children, I'll bet there's a notation on your calendar that says "back-to-school night."

You probably went, or will go. And you should. It's very interesting to put yourself back in a situation where life is ruled by the bell, even if it's just for an evening.

You meet in the multipurpose room or gym and get the introductory talk, then go off to the same classroom where your child spends so many hours of the day. It's enlightening to see what teachers expect of our kids in terms of class assignments and homework.

It's amazing to see the difficulty of some of the subjects the kids are studying (I didn't remember math being that hard).

If you've almost forgotten what it's like to be a kid, back-to-school night might come as culture shock.

If you haven't visited the school much, and it's not one of the brand-new ones, you'll probably get a bigger shock when you see what disrepair haunts the place.

Ceilings tiles are missing, floors are worn, drinking fountains are broken. Landscaping and other improvements, if there are any, often exist only because of the work of fiercely dedicated parents and teachers who have spent their own time and money.

The other thing that hit me this year were the posted lists telling students how to behave. I wasn't taking notes that night, but most of them went something like: "Come to class on time. Don't

chew gum. Don't talk when others are talking. Treat each other with respect."

And this was at a high school. At first I was indignant. Our kids learned this stuff in kindergarten, didn't they?

But I couldn't help connecting the two — the shabbiness of most of our schools and the need to spell out what minimal civil behavior is expected. When we send kids into buildings where the windowpanes are cracked, the wallpaper's peeling and ceilings are leaking, what does that tell them about our expectations for them?

I think teachers are heroic, every day. But that night it seemed to me especially valiant, the way many of them had still managed to make their classrooms attractive, stimulating places to learn.

One teacher I met collects art calendars and had covered her walls with a variety of interesting images ranging from Frieda Kahlo to old-time rodeo cowgirls, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King and also the other King, Elvis.

Another had had enlivened his classroom with the swirling designs of Celtic art.

Good kids will be good kids, and good teachers will be good teachers no matter how rundown the rooms, I guess.

But they deserve better.

Deborah Byrd is editor of *The Journal*.

GARAGE SAILING THIS WEEKEND?

NO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS!
YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND
GARAGE SALES.

I GUESS NOT.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dismaying recall

I am dismayed and angered to learn that a recall drive has begun against two Albany Unified School Board members.

Many of us are working hard to reopen the lines of communication between the board, the teachers, staff, community and students. We are slowly rebuilding mutual trust and respect, and frankly, we need this like a hole in the head.

Thanks to this recall, we now face the likelihood of several more months of personal attacks and focusing on past complaints instead of future progress. The whole thing is terribly negative, and precisely not what we need. And besides that, the Albany Unified School District would be charged for the cost of the election! Is that really how we want our precious resources to be spent?

Marsha Skinner and Bill Cain have integrity and they care deeply about the students and Albany schools. They work hard. They did the best they could in an incredibly difficult situation.

They are very knowledgeable about our schools and community, with a long history of community service and activity. Personal attacks against them are simply flat out wrong, they didn't help last year and they certainly won't help this year.

If I am asked to sign the petition, I will certainly decline, and I hope everyone else does the same. It would be marvelous if the people doing the recall would reconsider their actions and halt the campaign.

Let's move forward, not backward.

Jim Lindsay
Albany

Lindsay is a newly appointed school board member.

Commitment for peace

The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists and the board, meeting in solemn service on the Sunday after the suicidal attacks of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, made a renewed commitment to seek the spiritual strength to live and work for peace, justice, and equality for all.

We pledge to oppose all acts of terrorism committed by individuals and by groups and by governments and to work for social justice by communicating with our elected officials to urge them to uphold the principles of peace, the U.S. Constitution, and the U.N. charter.

We commit to work to overcome prejudices that can only lead to acts of intolerance and violence and to reach out to people in the Arab American and Muslim communities who are being mindlessly attacked.

We commit to offer information on conscientious objector status and solace to young men and women who joined the Armed Forces in order to live constructive lives and who now find they are unwilling to continue in the services, having discovered they really cannot commit acts of violence against other human beings.

We pledge to do our part for peace

within ourselves, toward one another, and toward our neighbors and fellow creatures on this planet.

Margo Shafer
Berkeley

Shafer submitted this letter on behalf of the congregation.

Voting yes on C

Larry Murdo, Albany's police chief, is going to run again. But his change of mind based on his personal finances doesn't change my mind.

I will still vote yes on Measure C. I want our next police chief to be appointed through an open and careful process rather than through a personality contest.

The primary reason for my "yes" vote has nothing to do with Murdo and what kind of police chief he has been. It has everything to do with good public policy.

An appointed chief is selected from well-qualified and screened candidates and is accountable, at least monthly, to the public through City Council meetings. An appointed chief is qualified, based on the changing needs of our community, not on an elected personality.

I want our next police chief to make our small town the safest and best-prepared for disaster in Alameda County. By voting yes on Measure C, I am not voting against Murdo, I am voting for him to apply for the position.

Carol Voisin
Albany

Bad traffic flow

Here is another letter of concern about traffic flow at El Cerrito Plaza.

At the intersection by Long's Drugs, there is a potentially dangerous situation. Cars going west toward San Pablo Avenue, from Ross and Bed, Bath and Beyond, have no stop or yield signs at Long's. Cars facing north at Long's have a stop sign, but if they want to turn left, to San Pablo Avenue, they have a hard time getting through.

Who designed the traffic flow here? And why are there no more sidewalks for pedestrians?

Minnie Favre
El Cerrito

Words about our flag

Once young people were inspired by the American flag. In the early 1960s, the flag symbolized heroics in World War II, the righteous fight by federal authorities against racism in the South, and a military we believed would wage only the good wars.

Then our world went mad. As the nation was torn apart by Vietnam, the flag soon belonged to just one side in the debate. It was stolen from the rest of us, who were as patriotic as anyone else and just as committed to what we thought the country should stand for. The flag was cheapened by jingoism and partisanship.

Now, during our country's time of terrible pain, the flag may soon be used not

to unite and heal us as it has in recent days, but to divide us.

There will be a debate about our response to Sept. 11, and one side will very deliberately drape itself in the flag. It will become the badge of those politicians pushing for the fiercest response.

The war-drum graphics of the news media will be packed with proudly waving flags. The flag will again be nothing more than a challenge: "Which side are you on?"

James Day
Berkeley

Consider peace

Our country has lost its moral leadership. I recently finished reading one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1966 essays on nonviolence, written at a time some minorities were convinced violence was the answer to their struggles. Now, 45 years later, I find myself wishing King were still alive, speaking with his powerful, wise, compassionate voice, directing us to a path of nonviolence and understanding.

King's strength and perseverance in the face of hatred should serve as a model to us now. Sadly, our current leaders are out for blood. Rep. Barbara Lee's courageous lone vote stands beside 420 votes for violence. The people we elected mistakenly believe war is the only answer to our tragedy.

We need to take the time to further grieve, to consider what factors may have led to the attack against our country, and to debate our future actions within and outside of our country. We are rushing into war, into more violence and causing hatred against Arab-Americans within our borders.

I pray our leaders take time to reflect and to address us with wisdom rather than fear. We need to consider peace as a moral alternative to war.

Tatiana Greenleaf
El Cerrito

Vote on issue, not person

I have just read the article "Police chief reverses field" (Journal, Sept. 28). The decision to put the issue of elected versus appointed police chief on the ballot was never about Police Chief Larry Murdo. The issue was always, about having a police department that, like our exemplary fire department, is an integral part of the city. Are you aware some citizens feel intimidated if they oppose the wishes of the police department? They feel department members will not be as helpful to them if they are identified as not supporting the candidate running for office.

Does anyone ever worry about the fire department not coming quickly or giving less service? No! The reason is clear: The fire department is not beholden to politics. Its services do not rely on a perception of an elected chief's good will. The time to make this change is now. It is long overdue. Vote YES on Measure C.

Laurence J. Fitzsimons
Albany

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— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

ents put some in hall of fame, others in hall of shame



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

been a month — proba-
the longest month any of
we ever spent. It's time
to look at the winners
and losers so far.

WINNERS:

Magazines, newspapers, magazines,
broadcast news: Good-bye
to the hard news. All of a
sudden, you're relevant again.
George Orwell: The author
of "1984" may be dead, but
his spirit lives on. I spotted
him at Monday's
rally at Sproul Plaza:
"Stop U.S. Ter-
rorism," he said.

U.S. Air Force: You gotta
love those instant meals
dropping on the
planes are pretty clever: no
need for a dairy, no anything
offending Islamic di-
rectives. Even the moist tow-
ers are alcohol-free. Those
at the Pentagon are no
fools.

Mr. Blair: In 1940, when
D. Roosevelt saved
Britain with Lend-Lease,
Churchill called it "the
most dramatic act in history."
Blair's performance
the past few weeks comes
second. His rhetoric
practically
only. If only he were
no, let's not go there.
Mr. Blair. Consider the
debt paid in full.
"Cincinnati": Magnificent,
he'd read "Cincinnati-
Gary Wills' book about
Washington. He would
Washington's se-
very time Washington
power, he gained
authority. Yes, Rudy
through when we most

needed him; but his last-minute
attempt to hang on to his job
put a little tarnish around the
edges of his image. He should
have been smart enough to
leave 'em wanting more.

Queen Noor of Jordan: She's
provided a Jackie-like dignity
to these events, despite the fact
that this must be a triple heart-
break for her: as an American
(she was born Lisa Halaby,
changing her name, when she
married, to Noor al-Husein,
which means "Light of Hus-
sein"), as a Jordanian, and as
the daughter of Najeeb Halaby,
one of the pioneers of the
American aviation industry.
(He used to run Pan Am.)

Kriss Worthington: On Sun-
day, when even some of the so-
called "moderates" on the
Berkeley City Council were is-
suing knee-jerk reactions
against the bombing campaign,
Worthington — who is usually
portrayed in the media as an
off-the-wall "radical" — was ad-
mirably circumspect, saying he
wanted to wait instead of rush-
ing to judgement.

Jaspal Singh: You can't find
a American flag for sale for
love or money these days, so
Singh — a Sikh-American who
operates the Fast Mart on Uni-
versity Avenue in Berkeley —
printed paper flags on his pho-
tocopier and sold them at cost.

"I've been in America for 16
years," he explains. "This is my
country they attacked, too."

**Tres Bogda, Ariel Platt, Anya
Platt, Yael Platt, Charley Walton,
Henry Walton, Lesley Haddock
and Sierra Haddock — the chil-
dren in my life:** I don't know
how I would have gotten
through the last month without
you kids. Thank you for being
so adorable, for being so pure
in heart, and for forcing me to
live in the here and now, if only
for a little while.

**Phoebe the cat and Gracie
the dog:** Ditto.

LOSERS:

**Darren Starr (producer of
"Sex And The City") and David
E. Kelley (producer of "Ally
MacBeal"):** Who wants to
watch shows about people
dithering over their sex lives?
That's so Sept. 10!

**Sportscasters and sports-
writers:** What will they do, now
that they can't call one of Tiger
Woods' puts "courageous," an
NFL linebacker a "warrior," or
a multimillionaire andro-stoked
ballplayer who refuses to sign
little kids' autographs a "hero"?

**Ari Fleischer, White House
Press Secretary:** Just when it
looked like we were finally go-
ing to be rid of the insufferably
unfunny Bill Maher, Fleischer
saved his bacon by attacking
him — thus turning the whole
thing into a First Amendment
issue and forcing liberals to
line up in support of Maher's
right to free speech. Ari, how
could you do this to us? I'll
never forgive you!

Jesse Jackson: Playing foot-
sie with the Taliban is not the
way to resurrect your image af-
ter a sex scandal.

The Ayatollahs Falwell and

Robertson: Will anyone be stu-
pid enough take seriously any-
thing these two malevolent
clowns say, ever again?

G. Gordon Liddy: Not only
did he get the facts wrong
about the Berkeley flags-on-
the-fire-trucks flap (he said
Mayor Shirley Dean was anti-
flags, when she was actually in
favor of them), he gave out her
phone number on his national
talk show. Result: thousands of
abusive, often obscene, phone
calls from wing nuts all over
the country, tying up City Hall's
phones — and trying staffers'
patience — for days.

**Martha Stewart, Arnold
Schwarzenegger, the Playboy
Playmates, and all the other
grandstanding celebrities who
tried to rev up their careers by
staging photo-op visits to
Ground Zero, ostensibly to
cheer up the rescue workers:**
As if the rescue workers cared.
(Well, OK, they probably ap-
preciated the Playboy Playmates.
But otherwise, my argument
stands.)

Our children: I was feeling
pretty good the other day until
I turned on the TV and saw
Bush visiting a classroom of
preschoolers from 3 to 5 years
old. The kids showed him their
fingerpaintings. Most were pic-
tures of people jumping off the
Twin Towers. Damn you,
Osama bin Laden.

Last, and most certainly
least ...

Osama bin Laden: "Whoso
has done an atom's weight of
evil shall see it." — The Quran,
99:8.

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celebration kicked off the
before the high school
procession of homecoming
down Key Route Boulevard
Thousand Oaks Boulevard to
Field. The theme for each
class was "Super Heroes." It
was a huge surprise that the se-
nior first prize with their en-
semble depicted a fireman and po-
lice officer joined arm-in-arm, with
"Heroes" spelled out at the

the area," said Kagawa.

It was a day where attendees
didn't seem to care that the place
was less than 100-percent com-
pleted and it was a time for a much
needed day of celebration for the
school district. So said Marjorie
Keck who has graduated a total of
eight children, grandchildren and
foreign-exchange students from
the old high school.

"It's a great day, just a great
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red ribbon was cut by each
president and the assembled
in for some of their first
of the new building. Eight
decades of the school's
mini rubbed elbows in the en-
ance as each was given a name
with their year of graduation.
The was Mayland Wilcox, class
of '01, on hand with his wife, Eve.
The last time that Mr. Wilcox
stood in a school building at 603
Route Blvd. was when he at-
tended Herbert Hoover Junior
High, a two-story wooden build-
ing he called it.

Wilcox stood inside the entry-
way with his bright, red-and-check-
ered floor and admitted that the
impression that he carried most
of his high school days was
of an old building, but the teach-
ers were great.

I can't remember a teacher I
didn't like," said the 82-
year-old El Cerrito resident. "I re-
member the teachers with a lot of
memories; they were like
parents." As for the building, "It's
old and cheery for learning,"
Evelyn.

The crowd walked through the
ways past the various open
rooms and memorabilia
rooms.

The limits was the gym that is
weeks away from completion,
looks to have most the ameni-
ties in place. The 1,500-seat bleach-
ers are installed, as are the wood
backboards and scoreboards.
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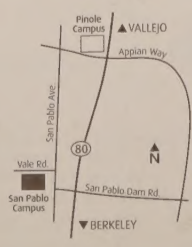


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When you think globally, think critically as well

I asked Antonia Juhasz, project director for the International Forum on Globalization, to give me a quick quote on what her organization does.

"What the anti-globalization movement has done is to shine a light on processes that were formerly conducted in secret but had enormous impact on the most fundamental decisions in our lives," she said.

The IFG is not the only organization to have recognized this. I think this quote from a report by the CIA, "Global Trends 2015," is very important:

"The rising tide of the global economy will create many economic winners, but it will not lift all boats. (It will) spawn conflicts at home and abroad, ensuring an even wider gap between regional winners and losers than exists today. (Globalization's) evolution will be rocky, marked by chronic financial volatility and a widening economic divide. Regions, countries, and groups feeling left behind will face deepening economic stagnation, political instability, and cultural alienation. They will foster political, ethnic, ideological, and religious extremism, along with the violence that often accompanies it."

And then there was Benjamin Franklin, who said, "Those who

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are willing to forfeit liberty for security will have neither."

The International Forum on Globalization, based in San Francisco, represents more than 60 organizations in 25 countries. An alliance of 60 leading activists, scholars, economists, researchers and writers, the IFG was formed to respond to economic globalization by stimulating new thinking, joint activity and public education.

The associates share a concern that the world's corporate and political leadership is "undertaking a restructuring of global politics and economics that may prove as historically significant as any event since the Industrial Revolution."

All this is by way of starting to explain the many anti-globalization demonstrations in recent years, and the work of Antonia Juhasz. She will speak to the League of Women Voters, and to St. John's Social Concerns Board, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the St. John's Community Center, 6500 Gladys Avenue at Lexington, in El Cerrito.

Her subject will be globalization and the terrorist attacks, including the Free Trade Area of

the Americas (FTAA) and other relevant trade agreements, which has been the focus of her current work.

Antonia coordinates the activities of the IFG worldwide with the goal of bringing sunshine to the globalization process, while changing that process to reflect the needs of democracy, human welfare, local economies and the natural world. She also works with concerned citizens in the United States to increase awareness and activism against corporate globalization.

"What I am opposed to is not what *could* happen," she says, "but what is happening — policies and institutions designed to concentrate wealth and power at the top, and keep governments from operating in a way that assure social, political and economic democracy."

Global inequities has dramatically increased, she says. "They intensify the inability of communities to be able to make the decisions that most fundamentally impact their day-to-day life. More and more governments are being told, you can't regulate, can't provide social services to protect the environment. And because governments are not performing that function, the result has been a lack of regulations, resulting in more wealth

and power at the top, and thus the inequalities."

Before joining the IFC, Antonia was the director of international trade and forest programs at the American Lands Alliance in Washington, D.C.; worked on the Seattle ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organization and the Washington, D.C. meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and was one of the key organizers of activist events during those two protests.

She holds a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University and an undergraduate degree in public policy from Brown University. She has written and spoken extensively on international trade and finance issues, and has testified at government hearings. She has been published and quoted often and has appeared on radio and television.

For more information on Antonia Juhasz's talk or the meeting, call Joan Bartulovich at 510-232-1136.

Please do give me your input: interesting people, events, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein
CORRESPONDENT

Albany PTA Council

Oct. 15, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Oct. 16, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room TBA
Oct. 17, College Night, 7:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater
Oct. 24, Financial Aid Night, 7:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater
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MacGregor High School

Oct. 18, Back to School Night, 7 p.m., Albany Middle School
Oct. 16, sixth grade family potluck, 6-8 p.m., AMS Courtyard. **Volunteers Needed.** Call Barbara Cooper at 524-3195 or Sheryl Black at 525-2943
Oct. 17, seventh grade family potluck, 6-8 p.m., AMS Courtyard
Oct. 25, eighth grade family potluck, 6-8 p.m., AMS Courtyard

Cornell Elementary

Oct. 17, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room
SCRIP Orders: Call Mark Priven 528-2082 or e-mail Mark at privenwest@pacbell.net

Marin Elementary

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Tree Stubor at marinetree@aol.com
Oct. 18, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Staff Room

Ocean View Elementary

Oct. 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

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AUSD Board

Oct. 23, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

AUSD Calendar

Oct. 19, Staff Development, NO SCHOOL

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EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

By Linda Takimoto
CORRESPONDENT

Bayside PTA Council

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Adams Middle School

Oct. 22, Picture Day for students. Students must bring a completed order form with payment included.
Oct. 22, GATE parent meeting, 6 p.m.; English Language Learners Advisory Committee parent meeting, 7 p.m.

El Cerrito High

*Oct. 18, Music Parents Meeting, 7:30, ECHS Band Room. Parents of students in band, orchestra, and choir are encouraged to attend.
*Oct. 25, Dance Production, "Second Time Around," 8 p.m., ECHS Little Theater. Admission at the door.
*Oct. 30, Halloween Concert, 7:30

p.m., Cafeteria. With concert and symphonic bands. Admission: \$5/adults, \$2.50/children or bring baked goods for bake sale and get in free!

Harding Elementary

Oct. 20, Fall Carnival with a Halloween twist — from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Game booths, entertainment, face painting, arts and crafts, BBQ, pumpkin patch and Haunted House. Open to the whole community.

Portola Middle School

Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m. In the Portola library — An opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with other parents and students in a safe atmosphere and talk frankly about "stuff". Topics may include drugs and alcohol, music, piercings, sexuality, green hair and anything else.
Oct. 19, Parent Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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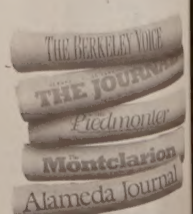
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District OKs Cougar Field track renovation

By Matt Petersen
STAFF WRITER

Many runners feel the relief after running on jagged rocks at Cougar Field as it was the school board's go-to for an overhaul, which will improve the track's condition, which will improve the track's condition, which will improve the track's condition.

Over the past several years, the track has been maintained "once or twice a year" according to Carlson, who said that if the district is going to make the commitment to put a new surface down, it will also have to commit to more maintenance.

"I think what we need to do is look at what it's going to take

to keep this track in shape," said Councilman Bill Cain.

Currently, the district has a "homemade" trailer device that uproots the surface during maintenance, and Carlson said it works adequately. The district maintenance department has made efforts over the past year to aerate the surface, but due to constant weathering, the clay has turned to rock, not permitting the equipment to penetrate the surface.

No date is set for renovation but the board agreed that work

needs to be done before the rain season at Carlson's request.

"Once it's a mud bog, then we're stuck," Carlson said. "But this isn't a three-week project, this is a three-day project. But we need to do this before the rain."

The board discussed keeping outside uses that contribute to the hard-packing of the surface, off the track. An example would be the cars and trucks used for this year's homecoming parade, or busses that transport students for high school football games.

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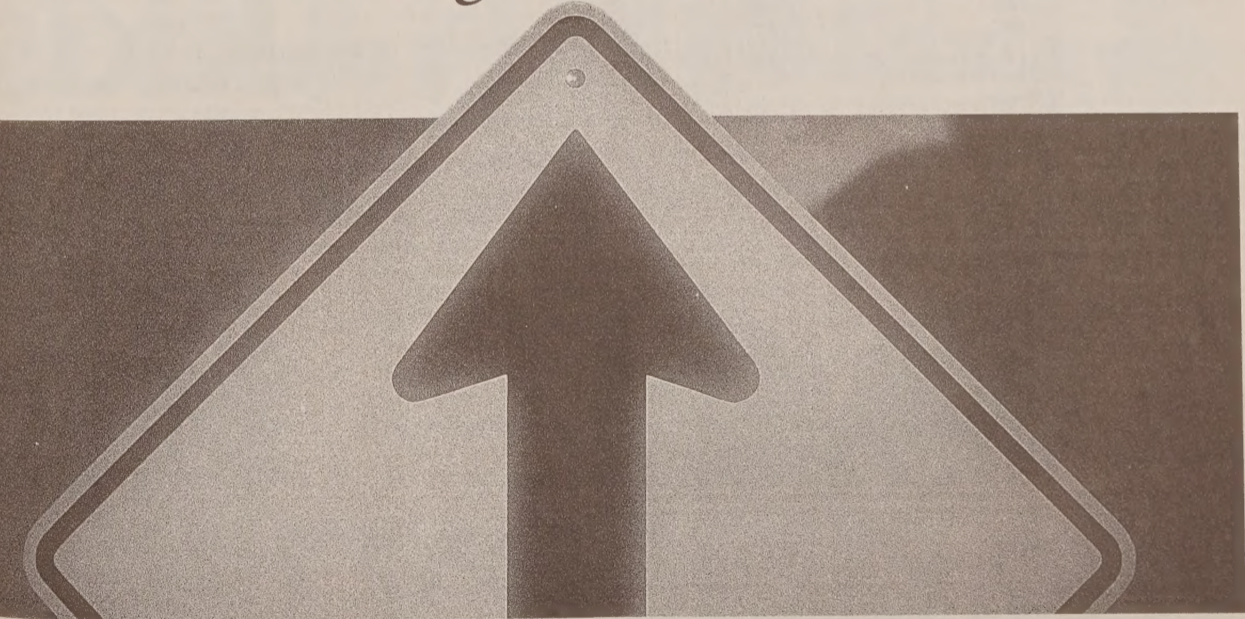
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Firefighters pass helmet for disaster relief

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Over the past two weekends, firefighters from the El Cerrito and Richmond departments have raised about \$35,000 for the families of firefighters killed in the World Trade Center attacks and rescue efforts.

Off-duty firefighters collected donations outside the Home Depot and Target stores in El Cerrito and the Costco store in Richmond, said John Kelleher,

president of the El Cerrito Professional Fire Fighters Association.

"There are a lot of families that don't have their father and their main support system," said Carol Alotch of San Pablo, a Home Depot employee who made a donation last Saturday. Alotch said she made the donation specifically because the money will go to the widows and orphans of the lost firefighters.

"It's a sad thing," said Eric

Parrish of Richmond, who stopped to make a donation. "I'm trying to do what I can."

Kelleher said the fund-raising effort was started by Mike Cassidy of the ECFD and Rod Woods of the RFD. "Then we all joined in," he said.

Kelleher said the local firefighters hope to personally present the check to firefighters of the Fire Department New York at a ceremony in New York City.

Eggs

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ing kids one night last week. "Last year you couldn't turn around without running into another carload of teens on the warpath."

On the Albany High School campus, usually a focus of vandalism and hazing during homecoming, there was a "dramatic decrease" in incidents, assistant principal Randall Booker said. He said he only had to suspend a couple of students who brought eggs to school this year. Usually, he said, the suspensions are triple that amount.

Nor was there a significant run on eggs at the Safeway supermarket on Solano Avenue, the manager there said. This is not surprising, however, since the manager said he and the staff made the judgment call some years ago not to sell eggs to kids during homecoming week in Albany.

The drop in egg-related vandalism may be due to some measures the school administration has taken in the last couple of years to crack down on egg throwing, police said.

For one, the homecoming parade floats, which the classes formerly built at private homes, now are created on campus during

school hours.

The school also canceled all night-time games after Booker was hit in the back with a frozen egg at a Powder Puff match two years ago.

School Resource Officer Mike Ayers said that while he thinks this year was not substantially better than years before, the school's crack-down measures will probably prove effective over time.

"Within the next five years, I think we'll see it a lot less," he said. If not, Ayers added, then "homecoming is something we might have to re-look at as a yearly activity."

The tradition of egg-throwing started some 30 years ago when seniors used to sleep over at Memorial Park on homecoming night, Ayers said. The juniors would run through the park to catch the seniors unawares and play pranks on them.

"Then eggs got involved," said Ayers, who himself attended Albany High School for a year. "But they had fun and it stayed in the park."

The sleep-over was discontinued years ago, he said, but the eggings continued. Now teens rove around all week, pelting houses, cars or each other with as many eggs as they can hold.

"What happened over the course of time is that the spirit has

changed," Ayers said. "It has become more mean-spirited, more vicious." Even though incidents are down, Booker said he may have to change the homecoming celebration in order to eliminate the rivalry between the grades.

"You have nearly 95 percent of students that can handle the idea of class competition," he said. "And then you have the 5 to 10 percent, the knuckleheads, that can't."

It's those knuckleheads, he said, that ruin it for the rest. Meanwhile, Officer Larrick spent a good deal of his shift last week employing a more direct method of egg control — crushing cartons of confiscated eggs under his boot heel as he counseled teens about the risks involved in throwing them.

"Last year, I took one kid to the hospital and one to jail," Larrick told three students he found sitting at a bench at Memorial Park one night last week.

After Larrick described the eye wound one student suffered, each teen admitted to carrying a half-dozen cartons of eggs in his sweatshirt pocket and dropped them, at Larrick's suggestion, in a nearby trash bin. Larrick then took out his billy club and cracked each one.

might take until winter break to find time for the construction.

"It's not something that we'll be able to do overnight," he said.

Head architect Ali Samgiss of Deems, Lewis and McKinley in San Francisco said that it isn't all that bad.

"It shouldn't take more than a week; it's a fairly easy thing to

do," said Samgiss. Samgiss admitted that the building plan didn't have the vestibule doorways measured out to the specific width.

There is no time limit on the temporary permit, Wallace said, so all students and staff will have access to the entire building until further notice.

under way this year needs to continue, they say.

And all four candidates say they're open to restoring the city's redevelopment agency, which has been dormant for the past few years to pay back a debt to the city, as long as it's used wisely.

For example, redevelopment could be used to help fund civic projects and not just business, Friedman said.

"Quality-of-life projects that will enhance the community such as a library or senior center, not strictly commercial projects."

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In the information age, spirituality meaning still has staying power

By Tom Lochner
TIMES STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Robert Bellah likes to quote an ad that ran in the New Yorker magazine last year:

"Fact: most everything you learn today will be obsolete in 12 months."

Information is indeed transient, says Bellah, professor emeritus of sociology at Cal and author of "The Common Good" and "Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in America." But what the New Yorker ad does not address, he says, is meaning, which is not transient.

"Finding Spiritual Meaning in an Information Society" will be the subject of a lecture by Bellah Friday evening and a follow-up seminar Saturday at Unitarian Universalist Church.

It is part of the annual Lawrence Lecture series, founded and endowed in 1977 by congregation member Lawrence Berger to bring in speakers who address the relevance of religion to society.

"Meaning is about things ... that will not be obsolete in 12 months," Bellah said, citing as an example the I-love-you's that partners in love relationships are wont to exchange.

If one partner asks, "Do you love me?" the other likely won't answer, "Why do you ask me that? I told you yesterday," Bellah said.

"The point," Bellah continued, "is, it's not about information. It's about a total relationship that's ongoing."

Another example is the Lord's Prayer, recited every Sunday in Christian services. "It's not to convey information; it's about reaffirming a lasting relationship," Bellah said.

Information and meaning are commonly confused, Bellah said. He cited, for example, "spirituality junkies who go from one guru to another," or those who look for the right book, the right tape, the right Web site.

"Spiritual information is what they're after," Bellah said, "but unless it leads them into a

LECTURE/SEMINAR

What: "Finding Spiritual Meaning in an Information Society" by Robert Bellah, UC Berkeley professor emeritus of sociology and author of "The Common Good" and "Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in America" and next-day follow-up seminar.

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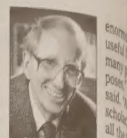
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community with shared practices, it won't last."

"People looking for religious meaning on the Web aren't going to find it," Bellah said.

"You can learn about religion (on the Web) — that's information," Bellah said. But if you want to become, say, a Muslim, "go to a mosque, not onto a Web site. You need to go to a community of people who practice it. That's how meaning is conveyed — not by pieces of information but by a way of living together."

He is not, however, a Web-basher. "I think the Web is



Robert Bellah

who use it as a substitute for meaningful relationships. The notion of cyber-community is fallacious — a wrong term," Bellah said. "A room is not a community; it would call it a pseudo-community."

"In a chat room, or a work kind of relationship, less you have a relationship outside the Web — to give an example, I keep in touch with my children by e-mail when you think it's just you anymore, you're not. It's not community. A Net relationship is too shallow. There's no obligation."

Bellah knows of no term studies of the psychological effects of too much surfing. But when such eventually come out, he predicts that we're going to see that heavy abusers have the same kind of profile as TV users — depression, social withdrawal. "Get off the Web for hours to see what's out there, it's good for you."

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because of an operation, has been conducting class in the library.

Additional construction will be done if the school isn't issued a permit, Wallace said, though it

Candidates

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lent momentum from recent projects and need to capitalize on them to further expand the city's economic base," Brusatori said.

She favors building clusters of office and retail space near or around the city's two BART stations.

Friedman agrees, saying the city needs sustainable development, or development that will grow with rather than overwhelm the city such as infill projects on existing vacant lots.

Wise said the city's general plan, a general blueprint for future development, should be more specific, spelling out what can or can't be built in different neighborhoods. This will make the permitting process for new businesses easier, he said.

Moore said attracting new businesses is one thing, but the city also needs to market what it has. "People don't know what's here unless we have attractive street fronts and good PR," she said.

The candidates all agree the city needs a new civic center or city hall, and should start exploring ways to fund it. The city's aggressive road-improvement program

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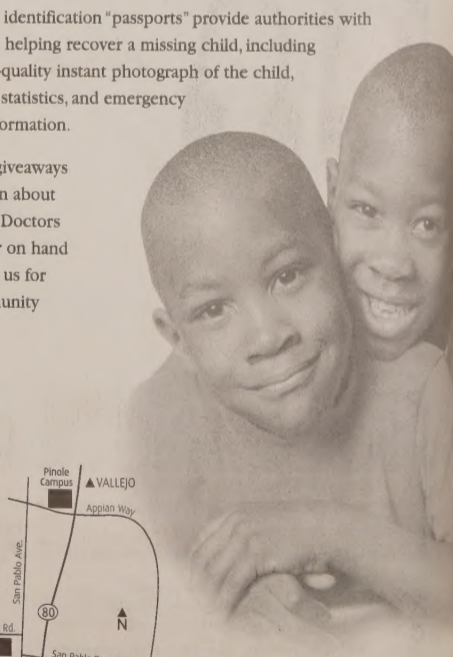
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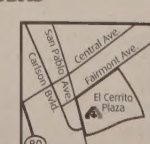
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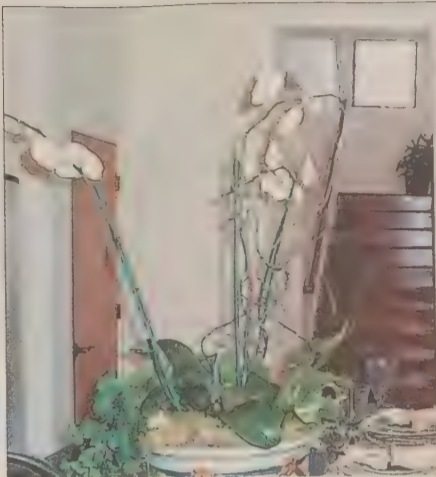
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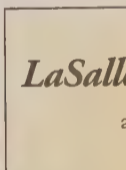
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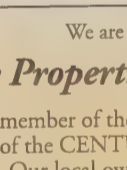
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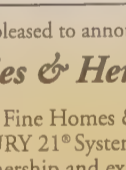
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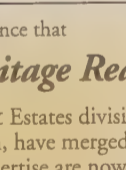
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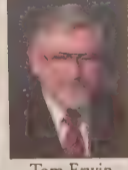
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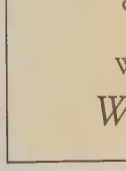
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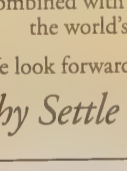
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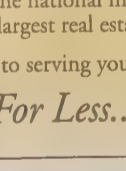
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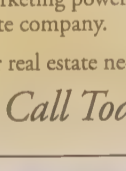
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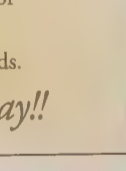
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Rates down fifth straight week

■ 30-year fixed-rate mortgages near record low

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.64 percent, with an average cost of 0.8 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending Oct. 5, down from 8 basis points from 6.72 percent last week.

A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage average was 7.83 percent. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been lower since the week ending Oct. 9, 1998, when it averaged 6.49 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.11 percent, with an average cost of 0.8 point, down 12 basis points from last week when the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.23 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.50 percent. The 15-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been this low since Freddie Mac began tracking it in 1991.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) av-

This week's rates are among the lowest in a generation, and should keep the housing industry active into the long winter months.

Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac chief economist.

eraged 5.34 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 5.45 percent. This time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 7.21 percent. The one-year ARM has not been this low since the week ending Feb. 16, 1996, when it averaged 5.19 percent.

"This week's rates are among the lowest in a generation, and should keep the housing industry active in the long winter months," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

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A look around the real estate community

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RENTAL HOUSING MEETING

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. The guest speaker is Colleen Bell of Emergency Services. For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

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If you are interested in doing a presentation for the group or want to recommend someone contact Adams at 800-444-9030.

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MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS NEWS

Attention Mortgage Professionals. Learning more about an industry is as important as being a part of that industry. The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) strive to keep mortgage professionals educated and informed. Both have monthly dinner meetings, with guest speakers discussing timely topics. CARL meetings are held on the



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Credit Advisor

second Thursday of the month beginning with networking at 6 p.m. Networking also kicks off each CAMB meeting, held on fourth Thursday of each month. To find out more call the organization's hotline. The hotline is 925-748-1847. The hotline is 925-275-2683.

Breakfast Club
Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meeting presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held on Wednesday at American Trade Center, Walnut Creek on Olympic Blvd. Start time begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call Pat Johnson of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services 925-296-3300.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ Seen at the Old Time Union. Realtor Bill Russell, though claiming to be retired, found out Russell teaches Finance and Economics at Marquette College. He is also President of the Retirement Board for the Alameda Municipal Employees Retirement System. Some retirement! To catch up, call him at 510-864-2657.

■ There's a new face at Grubbs and Lindsey in Alameda, Realtor Pres Ordinario. Ordinario is bilingual. He is fluent in both English and Tagalog. To say hello, call him at 510-748-1100.

■ Someone new at your company? Something special your company is doing? Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. All my contacts are listed below.

WHAT'S UP DOC??

I need your information by column. Fundraisers, meetings, announcements, promotions, designations and change of scenery (company). I want to know it all. Information due two weeks before the event. There are three convenient ways to reach me. Send an email to bobbiered@optonline.com, your info to me at 510-441-4411. Call me at 510-441-7190.

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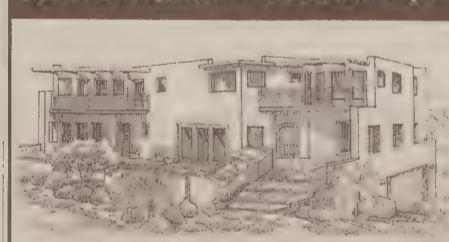
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ELEGANT PERIOD REVIVAL HOME AT 324 SEAVIEW AVE. in Piedmont has been attributed to architect Clarence Tantau Sr.

Spanish Colonial Revival at its elegant best

BY MARK A. WILSON
CORRESPONDENT

Piedmont is a city known for its Spanish Colonial Revival homes. One of the most interesting of these just came on the market at 324 Seaview Ave. This elegant Spanish Colonial Revival home has been attributed to architect Clarence Tantau Sr.

According to Gail Lombardi, the daughter of the Piedmont Historians, the home was built for the Westland of Oakland, with a building permit dated May 14, 1930.

The cost of the project was estimated at \$20,800, and the builder was J.H. Mogk. In the 1920s, the home's name was not listed on the permits in Piedmont. The home of this house to Tantau was from a number of longtime owners on the block, and from Rogers, a builder who had done recent renovations of the home for the current owner. The home displays a number of features that were signature of Tantau's work in the Spanish Colonial style, such as a grillwork around the window, an enclosed patio off the back of the house, and wide octagonal ceramic tiles on the floor of the entry hall.

Tantau's career spanned the early Northern California region in the early 20th century. In 1906, he designed a Renaissance Revival Villa at 400 Kingsmen Road in 1906. In Monterey, Tantau designed the ornate Monte Hotel on Del Monte Avenue in 1925. He also designed the clubhouse of the Monterey Peninsula Country Golf Club at Pebble Beach in 1925.

In Berkeley, Tantau designed an impressive Spanish Colonial Revival residence with a large carriage house at 190 Alvarado Street, about 1925. And at 2533 Oak Road in North Berkeley, Tantau designed a charming,

Georgian-style carriage house for the nearby Allencroft Mansion in 1919. However, Tantau did his best work in Piedmont, such as the massive Spanish Colonial style Herbert Hall House at 67 King Ave. in 1930.

In May 1943, after Tantau died, the magazine "Architect and Engineer" ran a tribute to him, which went as follows: "Best known for his talent in domestic architecture, Mr. Tantau designed some of the better homes in the San Francisco Bay Region, including houses in Oakland, Berkeley, and in Piedmont, also on the Monterey Peninsula. He was particularly gifted in Spanish architecture, and at the time the Spanish style was most popular in California, his homes were outstanding."

The elegant home at 324 Seaview Ave. incorporates the classic elements of the Spanish Colonial style.

The house is set well back from the street with a terraced downslope lot, and flagstone steps curving towards a hand-sawn front entrance.

The home's facade is covered in earth-colored stucco, and the roof with red clay tiles. There is ornate, decorative iron grillwork over one of the second story front windows.

The entry porch is semi-enclosed, with an unusual octagonal ceiling, and Renaissance style pilasters flanking the opening. The entry hall has a long barrel-vaulted ceiling, and French doors opening onto a lovely enclosed, very private side patio. This patio

is graced by wisteria vines and bougainvillea, which the current owner added. To the right of the patio, just off the entry hall, there is a cozy study, which the current owner remodeled.

The living room is magnificent, and reminds one of a great hall in a Renaissance manor house. There is a large hooded fireplace, with a Florentine Renaissance style columned overmantel.

The ceiling is about 15-feet high with hand-hewn open beaming, beveled corners, and fine Arts-and-Crafts-style stenciled patterns.

The double doors are metal-framed with their original hardware. They lead out onto an inviting balcony. The original light fixtures here are in Spanish Baroque style.

The dining room opens out onto the back yard. There is a wide balcony that overlooks a new patio with Chinese style tile work that was added by the current owner. The ceiling here is box beamed, with geometric stenciled patterns.

Noted Bay Area designer Bob Rogers recently remodeled the kitchen in a contemporary Chinese style, with a box-beamed ceiling and recessed lighting.

At the far end of the kitchen is a wide, raised breakfast room that can also be used as a family room. The staircase leading up to the second story has lightly sanded oak treads.

Upstairs, there are three light and spacious bedrooms, each

one of which has a peaceful view of the sylvan landscaping. The front two bedrooms have an adjoining bath, recently remodeled. The windows are French door, floor-to-ceiling style with their original metal handles.

The ceiling of the west bedroom is coffered, and the views from here are out over the front yard, and the side patio.

There is a light-filled landing leading to the master suite at the rear of the house, which was later enclosed with French doors that overlook the side patio.

The master suite has a remodeled deluxe bath, with a soaking tub and an adjacent dressing room. The bedroom has lots of closet space and a built-in entertainment center.

The view is of the back yard, which has a huge, ancient pine tree and pretty landscaping by Christian Kilikkaa from Finland.

There is a total of eight rooms in this grand house, which is being offered for sale at \$1,935,000.

The listing agent is Sandy Vogl, of the Grubb Company.

For more information about this property, or to arrange for a showing, you can contact Vogl at The GRUBB Co. by calling 510-339-0400, ext. 216, or via her e-mail at svogl@grubbco.com

Mark A. Wilson is a Realtor and architectural historian who works at Prudential California Realty's Albany office. He can be reached at 510-273-9383. Visit him at www.topbroker.com/wilson.

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LOIS HARRIS, REALTOR

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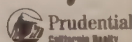
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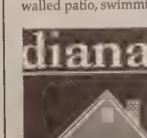
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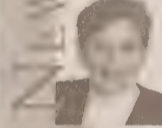
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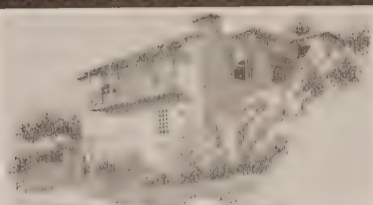
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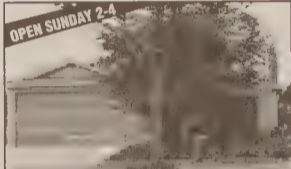


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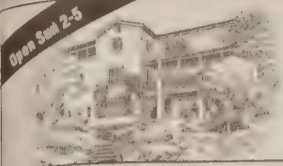
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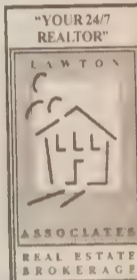
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<p>Oakland/Redmont</p> <p>Open Sun. 2-4:30pm</p>  <p>New Enterlaine's Mecca \$1,300,000 Grand spaces with quiet elegance. Epitome of quality in construction, fixtures & finishes. 2-room master retreat. Level-in with bay view & 3-car garage. Established close-in neighborhood.</p> <p>D.C. Hodges (510) 531-7667</p>	<p>Berkeley/Elmwood</p> <p>Open Sun. 2-4:30pm</p>  <p>Classic Brown Shingle \$788,000 Beautifully remodeled kitchen & bathrooms with designer features. Refinished hardwood floors & freshly painted. New wood windows. Cove ceilings. Landscaped garden includes deck & hot tub. Walk to College Ave. & UCB.</p> <p>Gayle Tantau (510) 339-8900 x260</p>	<p>Oakmore</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4:30pm</p>  <p>Proud Home with Bay View \$589,000 Are you destined to own this 4 bedroom, 3 bath house, over 1/4 acre of land with a separate "au pair" studio? Great Oakmore location on a cul-de-sac. Must see-put this one on your list.</p> <p>Cindy Boze (510) 339-8900 x217</p>	<p>Oakland</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4:00pm</p>  <p>Step Out of the Box \$499,000 Sequoia Highlands - an undiscovered part of Oakland that has yet to be explored. Large spaces & value can be yours. 2 fireplaces, family room - workshop-close to freeway, private setting, lots of oak trees.</p> <p>Cindy Boze (510) 339-8900 x217</p>	<p>Piedmont</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4:00pm</p>  <p>Piedmont Pines View Lot \$249,000 Great view lot-gentle down slope looking at SF + Bay. Survey & soils report done. One of the last good view lots in this price range. Offered at \$249,000.</p> <p>Mel Copland (510) 339-8900 x255</p>
<p>Upper Rockridge</p> <p>Open Sun. 2-4:30pm</p>  <p>Gorgeous Tuscan Villa \$1,275,000 Designed by Mark Becker, this stunning home is a jewel in Upper Rockridge. Beautifully appointed with designer finishes. Level in & level out to garden. Close to restaurants & shops on College Avenue.</p> <p>Gayle Tantau (510) 339-8900 x260</p>	<p>Montclair</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4:30pm</p>  <p>Montclair w/Land \$599,000 A level lawn & level entry land to a renewed estate on a double lot. Formal dining, 2 fireplaces. Hardwood flooring, family room plus a huge master suite w/ spa tub. Home office. Double garage. Quiet & private. Very sunny, 4 bdrm, 3 bath.</p> <p>Hal Castle (510) 339-8900 x220</p>	<p>Alameda</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-5:00pm</p>  <p>Sunsets On the Bay \$529,000 Enjoy fabulous sunsets & the ever-changing tides from your 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home right on the bay! Stroll down the beach just steps away, watch the birds & wild fowl-resort living yet convenient to everything.</p> <p>Deb Riney (510) 339-8900 x216</p>	<p>Berkeley</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4:00pm</p>  <p>Classic Bungalow \$439,000 Delightful, sunny, refreshing home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, level play or garden. Conveniently located, ready for new owners.</p> <p>Miriam Wilson (510) 339-8900 x300</p>	<p>Oakland</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4:00pm</p>  <p>Laurel District \$305,000 Near Redwood Heights. Traditional with hardwood floors, charming fireplace, bright eat-in kitchen. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths & large bonus room! Huge lot-over 9,200 sq. ft.</p> <p>Helen Nicholas (510) 339-8900 x238</p>



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Elegant architecture & exceptional detailing accent this 4 yr. old Mediterranean. Sited on 1/5 acre, this 4BR/4BA. 4200 sq. ft. home captures SF views. Mavis Delacroix

2268 Leimert Boulevard \$1,328,000

Dramatic views of SF, the Bay & bridges, stunning materials & spatial drama have been artfully combined to create an exceptional new residence. Debra J. Dryden

13454 Campus Drive \$1,198,000

This exceptional new home is set in the hills w/peaceful views. Superior craftsmanship thru out. Gourmet kitchen. 4BR/2.5BA + library/office. Adam Betta

6241 Buena Vista Ave. New Listing \$929,000

Spectacular English traditional with charming garden entry & elegant finishes, boasts breathtaking SF views from all levels. 3BR/3.5BA. Katie S. Harmon

510 Magnolia Avenue New Listing \$875,000

PIEDMONT. This all level home in central Piedmont includes 3BR/3BA plus den, family room, large patio and three car garage. Close to all conveniences. Angela Wei Grubb

801 Rosemount Road \$875,000

Elegant French country home surrounded by a lovely garden & picket fence. 4BR/4BA including romantic master suite w/fireplace, library & updated kitchen. Judith Cain

1072 Hubert Road New Listing \$795,000

Elegant traditional 4BR/3BA Crocker Highlands home w/fabulous details including leaded windows and hardwood floors. Steve Michaelides

5601 LaSalle Avenue New Listing \$730,000

Beautiful park-like grounds enhance this spacious, all level home on the Piedmont side of Montclair. 4BR/3BA + family room w/fireplace and garden access. Susanne Paul

7028 Thornhill Drive New Listing \$725,000

Charming traditional 3BR/2BA on a large level lot with views. Exquisite detailing. Rumpus room and new kitchen. Cherie Curliano

1 Tisbury Lane New Listing \$699,000

NEAR BERKELEY. Almost 2 acres just minutes from Berkeley. Striking 4BR/2BA contemporary home + auxiliary buildings. Near stables & trails. Chris Cohn

6047 Snake Road \$659,500

Large Montclair 4BR/3BA + family room w/natural light & Bay views. 2 fireplaces. Dark room. Private setting w/ elegant landscaping near Montclair Village. Lori Lombardo

230 Palm Drive \$650,000

PIEDMONT. Located in a wonderful neighborhood, this darling home features formal entry, living & dining room, sunny eat-in kitchen and 3BR/1BA. Sheila Gallagher

19 Kingwood Road New Listing \$639,000

Beautiful open floor plan, extensively remodeled, 3BR/2.5BA including master. Kitchen/family room combo, new hardwood floors on 1st level. SF view. Kurt Buchholz

7128 Saroni Drive New Listing \$579,000

Quintessential Montclair home in woody, peaceful setting. Updated kitchen. 4BR/2BA. Two private decks. Spacious! Debbi DiMaggio

3908 Randolph Ave. New Listing \$575,000

Charming & spacious traditional in the heart of Glenview! 4BR/2BA, totally remodeled w/cook's kitchen, maple wainscoting, sunny deck & landscaped garden. Nancy Lehrkind

331 Vernon Street \$449,000

Classic split-level Mediterranean with random plank floors in the spacious living room and formal dining room. 3BR/2BA and level garden. Mavis Delacroix

3206 Ellis Street \$425,000

BERKELEY. Classic 3BR/2BA Craftsman restored with original detail & built-ins. Fireplace, hardwood floors, beamed ceiling, gourmet kitchen. Garden. Jill Carrigan

16560 Toledo Street New Listing \$399,000

SAN LEANDRO. Enjoy fabulous South Bay views from your country kitchen and dining area. 3BR/2BA. Two "plus" rooms. Move in condition! Connie Rogers

1731 Dwight Way New Listing \$369,000

BERKELEY. Charming brown shingle w/hardwood floors throughout. Front porch, deck, gardens & large updated kitchen. 2BR/1BA. Michelle Winchester

51 Teralynn Court New Listing \$369,000

Contemporary townhome w/sweeping Bay views, vaulted ceilings, 2BR/2.5BA (two master suites) & 2 car garage. Close to parks & shopping. Sherry Benninger

3263 Madeline Street \$349,000

Lovely Laurel bungalow, perfect for the first-time home buyer with three bedrooms and two baths, cozy family room and level garden. Mavis Delacroix

3035 Chapman St. #2 New Listing \$329,000

Stunning live-work condominium in a three-unit complex. Large garden. Upper story is living space with separate bedroom. Lower space has two work spaces. Erika Celestre

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Piedmont Elegance \$2,850,000

Elegance! Over 1/3 acre. Beautiful gardens w/pool, spa & more. 5BR/5+BA, family room & rumpus room! Angela Wei Grubb

Skyline View Estate \$2,500,000

Under construction Mediterranean designed by Albert Horowitz. Terraces to enjoy the Bay view. Debra J. Dryden

Private Window to the World \$1,575,000

Enjoy breathtaking views from this spectacular Piedmont home. Gourmet kitchen. 5BR/3.5BA. Mindy Scott

Central Piedmont Traditional \$1,499,000

Classic traditional. 4+BR/2.5BA, family room, gardens & pool. Gorgeous! For Sale or Lease. Katherine Cooper

Gracious All-Level Living \$1,150,000

Spacious all-level home in the Piedmont side of Montclair. 4BR/3.5BA with fabulous views. Nancy Lehrkind

Piedmont View Home \$1,069,000

Spectacular views & privacy from this contemporary on a 1/2 acre terraced lot! Decks. 4BR/3BA. Angela Wei Grubb

Crocker Highlands Classic \$969,000

Classic traditional w/original details. Updated kitchen & baths. 3BR/2.5BA. Lovely garden. Elizabeth Dickson

Exquisite Montclair \$829,000

Privately located with vista views & dramatic architectural detailing. Close to Village. Perfect floorplan. Sheila Gallagher

Piedmont Charm \$799,000

From the charm of the gardens to the dramatic impact of the vaulted living room ceiling, this house is special. Mindy Scott

Upper Rockridge View Home \$799,000

This wonderfully detailed home combines Bay views with comfortable living. 4BR/3BA. Mindy Scott

Designer's Showcase \$729,000

Dramatic lighting in living room & dining room. Gourmet kitchen, den & wine cellar. 3BR/2.5BA. John Karnay

Charming Berkeley \$649,500

Great condition w/1930's charm. 3BR/2BA + family room. Outstanding storage & workshop space. Chris Cohn

Piedmont Mediterranean \$619,000

Rich in detail w/parklike garden. 2BR/2BA + office, inviting veranda & updated country kitchen. Sandra Vogl

Oasis in Parkwoods \$335,000

Beautifully remodeled "Piedmont" model. Hardwood floors, designer touches & hillside vistas. Ed Kuo

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Open 12-4. Fabulous live/work. Many quality upgrades. In unit laundry, garden, patio & parking. Donna DeBardi

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,750,000

5906 MARGARITO DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Magnificent new custom built Mediterranean villa. Designed by architect Peter David Gilbert. Total quality & exquisite beauty. \$100k+ sf. 5BR/4.5BA. Dee Knowland x318

RIDGEMONT \$1,680,000

1304 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Magnificent new 5BR/4.5BA w/large, elegant spaces around a central courtyard. Dramatic living rm, canyon views, gourmet kitchen & luxurious master ste. Robyn Mohr x310

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,600,000

1070 NORFOLK DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Spectacular 5BR/4.5BA w/great views. Separate office or guest suite. 4-car tandem garage. Private patio. Francis Heath x357

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,250,000

1733 NORFOLK DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Stunning 1 year old contemporary w/4BR/4.5BA. Unique design, great light. Master suite w/fireplace, lush canyon & bay views. Dee Knowland x318

MONTCLAIR \$999,000

4139 SWAINLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 Huge price reduction! Custom home w/breathtaking SF views. 4+BR/3.5BA. 3000+sf. separate office/au-pair, gourmet kit. Close to Village. Chuck Corwin x353

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BERKELEY \$799,000

1160 STERLING AVE. (Open 2-4)
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BERKELEY \$795,000

2535 CEDAR ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Tudor style w/wonderful architectural details. Incredibly charming garden & bay views. Outstanding kitchen & master ste. 4+BR/2BA. Joan E. Hause x358

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New Listing! Level-in 4BR/3BA home w/SE Bay & serene canyon views. Flexible floor plan, updated kitchen & hardwood floors throughout. Prime location near the Village & freeways. Teri Carlisle x305

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MONTCLAIR \$550,000

1880 WOODHAVEN WAY (Open 2-4:30)
1950's level-in contemporary. 5BR + rumpus. Great details. Random-plank hardwood flrs. Wrap-around deck. Lots of windows. Tree views. Nancy Chew x342

KENSINGTON \$525,000

29 SUNSET DR. (Open 2-5)
Secluded rustic fixer designed by Vernon DeMars. Dramatic open plan, large wooded site, prestigious neighborhood, some view. 4+BR/2+BA. Gini Erck x339

HILLCREST HIGHLANDS \$739,000

5815 BALMORAL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Remodeled & expanded 5BR/4BA home. Great room w/beautiful kitchen, family room, decks & views. Approx. 3200 sf. Ashley O'Neill x368

MONTCLAIR \$729,000

1725 ALHAMBRA LN. (Open 2-4:30)
Reduced! 5BR/3BA home w/fabulous floor plan. Dramatic 2-story living rm, kit/fam rm & 3 car garage. Quiet yet convenient location near Village. Yard. Teri Carlisle x305

MONTCLAIR \$710,000

1957 ASIOMAR DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Impeccably maintained, level-in home on level street w/piano bridge, bay & SF views. 3+BR/3BA, upgraded kit & baths. Gardens. 2-car garage. Ann Nichols x319

ORINDA \$699,000

32 SOUTHWOOD DR. (Open 2-4)
Charming 3BR/2BA brown shingle in serene & private setting yet close to shops & restaurants. Kit/fam rm, formal dining, decks & hot tub. Updated. Sandi Klemmer x314

BERKELEY \$639,000

2222 BLAKE ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Very charming 3BR/1BA 2-story Victorian w/1BR/1BA rear brown shingle cottage. French drs to deck & yard. Immaculate & beautiful. Nancy Noman x373

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ALAMEDA \$415,000

1612 MINTURN AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Sunny Italianate Victorian beautifully maintained & updated. New kitchen, large sunny garden, hardwood floors, full basement. 3+BR/2BA. Jack McPhail x300

PIEDMONT AVE. \$399,000

642 EL DORADO AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Stately 4+BR 1906 Tudor Colonial home awaits your finishing touches. Developable attic, large level yard & great location. Jeffrey Himmel x307

OAKLAND \$379,000

7967 HILLMONT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Lovely 3BR/2BA traditional w/fabulous views of SF & GG from the spacious redwood deck w/sunken hot tub. Candy Benny x328

SHEFFIELD VILLAGE \$369,000

3070 MIDDLETON ST. (Open 1-4)
Light & lovely 2BR/1.25BA home w/SF & Bay views. Dual pane windows, hardwood floors & spacious family rm. Approx. 1,564 sf. Candy Benny x328

ALAMEDA \$415,000

1027 FOUNTAIN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Big price reduction! Sunny 3BR/1.5BA. Terrific condition. New kit, large fam rm. Private fenced back yard w/deck. As-is. Sandi Klemmer x314 & Dick Cohen x308

ALAMEDA \$449,000

2303 TIFFIN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Darling 3BR/2BA home, recently remodeled. Wonderful great room! Level yard. Sandi Klemmer x314

LEONA HEIGHTS \$429,000

4027 RUSTING AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Darling Cape Cod 3BR/2.5BA home. Family room, 2 fireplaces. Great yard w/fruit trees. Dick Cohen x308

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LAUREL \$299,500

3057 MAPLE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious 3BR/2BA bungalow w/family room. Large eat-in kitchen, formal dining & great storage space. Level patio & garden. Diane Earl McCan x352

OAKLAND \$295,000

8125 GREENLY DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New price! 2BR/1BA bungalow nestled on a quiet cul-de-sac adjacent to 80 acres of open space. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood flrs, approx. 8900 sf yard. Candy Benny x328

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PIEDMONT \$2,450,000

Classic Colonial on approx. one-third acre. 5BR/3+BA, stunning kitchen; large family rm opens to lovely grounds/play area. Exceptional! Gornell Cornell x325

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,075,000

Sharp & stylish 1997 Mediterranean w/great Bay views. 4+BR/3BA, formal dining, master suite w/fireplace, terrace. Dee Knowland x318

MONTCLAIR \$889,000

Spacious 6 yr old contemporary w/gorgeous formal rooms, marble floors, oversized kitchen/family rm. 4BR suites/4+BA, 3 fireplaces & breathtaking canyon views. Jeffrey Himmel x307

CLAREMONT HILLS \$795,000

LOT w/fantastic panoramic SF & bay views. Smashing \$100K+ plans included. Dee Knowland x318

CLAREMONT HILLS LOT \$750,000

Glorious SF & Bay view lot framed by large seeded greenbelt canyon. Private road serves 4 luxury homes. Soils report, survey & architectural blueprints included. David Ichikawa x331

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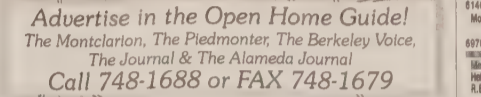
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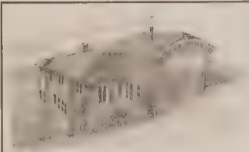
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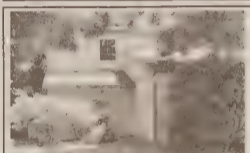
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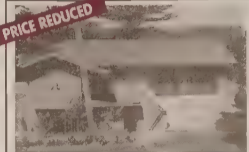
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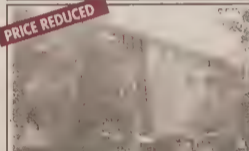
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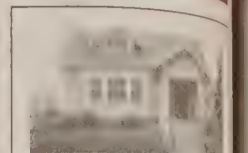
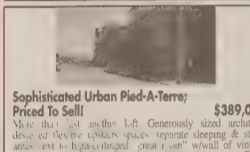
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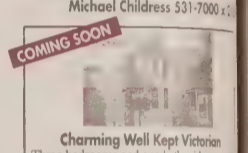
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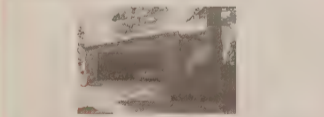
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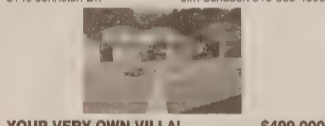

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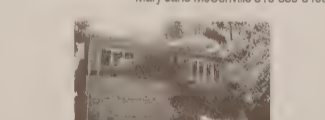
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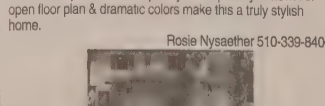
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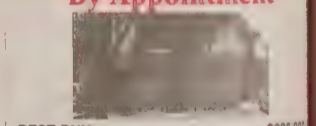
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Albany stays atop BSAL

Cruise control
Cougars stay
undefeatedBy Peter Mentor
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — All the ingredients for a championship-type match were there for the Piedmont and Albany High School volleyball teams.

There was Albany's storied history, Piedmont's up-and-coming talent, and a good crowd watching to see the last two undefeated Bay Shore Athletic League teams face off in their only regular-season match.

So how did such a potential match-up turn out to be such a sleeper, with the Cougars walking over the Highlanders in three straight games?

Albany (5-0 BSAL, 6-0 overall) won the match 15-5, 15-13, 15-13 and it really wasn't that close. Piedmont (5-1 BSAL, 6-2) had a chance to tie things up after holding a 12-9 lead in the second game, but Albany used a 6-1 run to put that game away and take control of the match.

"After the first game we were cruising and we let up," said Albany's Kirsten Bender, who plays club ball with Piedmont players Denise Tu and Christine Gage. "This was the game of the season for us. We should be thinking about playoffs next."

Hopefully the playoffs will hold more punch and pizzazz. This match had some good volleys, but it lacked the intensity of past "big games" for Albany, when Cougar fans would crowd

Prep girls' volleyball

Albany 3
Piedmont 0

into the old high school gym and chant in between points.

Part of the problem

was that Albany plays at Albany Middle School, which Bender said her teammates don't exactly call "home." The other thing is that the Cougars are rebuilding after losing six seniors from last year, leaving only senior Rachel Lomen.

Piedmont played with heart, especially in the second game, but overall something was missing. The Highlanders would come close, then fade before ever gaining a lead.

"I don't think we were ever actually in the game," Piedmont setter Katie Hilton said. "It was kind of like a roller-coaster ride. There were points where we were in the game, but we were never really in the game. We always get a glimpse of the hill and then roll back down."

Hilton, a co-captain at Piedmont who led her team with 10 kills and 18 assists, walked off the court grimacing after a teammate's elbow collided with a bone in her right hand. She was going for X-rays to see if anything was broken. Losing her would be a huge setback.

Piedmont first-year coach Felix Chu knows the story of how good Albany has been in the past. He also knows the Cougars lost most of their starting lineup and that his team missed a chance for victory.

"We just didn't show up," Chu said. "We just never went out and played our game. We had

glimpses of what we were capable of, but nothing consistent. We should have beat them."

Chu said that statement about winning was not based on empty confidence. He believes the talent is there at Piedmont, it's the mental game that was missing. "I've seen what they can do," he said. "We didn't move our feet. We were waiting on balls, sitting back on our heels."

Chu said his team is made up of equally talented players, which is a blessing and a curse. They get along well and are nice kids, but he has yet to find a solid core of starters.

As for Albany, this is not the same team that had the superpower talent of the past. Not that there isn't talent, it's just not the same dynasty that was here before.

Losing six seniors from last year's North Coast Section title winner was hard enough. The Cougars ended the 2000 season in the first round of the Northern California playoffs, well short of the goal of winning state. They also lost their coach in the process. Albany has its third coach in as many years, with John Segall taking the helm this season.

Segall watched his team dominate the first game of the match; then inexperience set in when the Cougars slipped some in the second game. That second game was tied at 3, 6, 9, 12 and 13 before two powerful kills by Albany hitter Emma Spearman ended it.

Albany led the third game by five, trading points back and forth from 9-4 to 12-7. Then Piedmont raced back into the game

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ALBANY'S DIMPHY SASSE (left) spikes the ball as Denise Tu of Piedmont goes up for a block in the Cougars' straight-game sweep of the Highlanders Tuesday night at Albany Middle School.

Weary, but winners

Yellow Jackets
taken to 5 games
before prevailing
against EncinalBy Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — The Berkeley girls were showing signs of fatigue. It was late in the fourth game of their match against the Encinal Jets and the Yellow Jackets appeared flat. For their part, the Jets were up-and-at-'em.

That the Yellow Jackets were dragging a bit should not sur-

prise. After all, this match was the first time the Jackets had lost a game in league play. When Encinal (9-6, 4-1 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) won the fourth game 15-11, it became the first five-gamer the Yellow Jackets had played in the league this fall.

"We were a little tired because we're not used to going five with one team in our league," middle blocker Desiree Guilliard-Young explained.

Not to worry. Whatever weariness had swept the club in the early going was gone by the time the team went to the fifth game.

Playing in the rally-point format on Oct. 9, Berkeley (14-4, 5-1) jumped out to a 5-1 lead before Encinal rallied to within a point, 11-10, behind the serve of returning MVP Jackie Randolph (21 kills). Then the Yellow Jackets found a another gear.

With crowd noise rising, Guilliard-Young (12 kills, five blocks) sent a kill to the floor for 12-10, then ran off three points from the service line, (Latisha Harris notching the final kill) to put a 15-7, 7-15, 15-6, 11-15, 15-10 win in the book.

"I think our team is good at cracking under pressure," the Baylor-bound Guilliard-Young said. "We knew they were going to be hard to beat — they're one of the best teams in our league, so we knew we were going to



BERKELEY HITTER VANESSA WILLIAMS sent a spike past Encinal's Ashleigh Miller during their match in Alameda on Oct. 9. The Yellow Jackets were taken to five games before prevailing 3-2.

have to come with our game."

This win, along with Berkeley's 3-0 victory over Alameda last week, gives the Yellow Jackets sole possession of first place in the ACCAL. Encinal dropped into a three-way tie for second place with De Anza and El Cerrito. The Gauchos topped Alameda 3-0 on Oct. 2.

Against Encinal, Berkeley took control of the first game, ringing up the win when Nadia Qabazard aced two straight winners for 15-7.

But the second game was a different matter. After one full rotation, Encinal led just 3-1. A second time through found the Jets edging into an 8-4 advantage.

The Jets were content to add a point or two per serve and won, 15-7.

During the win, Randolph had four kills and one block — the block coming off a Guilliard-Young spike. But mostly, the win was all about countering Guilliard-Young's 6-foot-5 presence

in the middle of the net.

Randolph, who has played on the same club team as Guilliard-Young, explained: "Desiree is a great hitter, but in club she kind of had trouble hitting corners. And she likes to hit straight down — high school season does that because you can take advantage of the blockers who aren't there."

"I knew she was going to hit in the middle, so I told my teammates to bunch it."

The Jackets' straightened up in the third game, though. Danielle LaRue served the team to 8-0 (Guilliard-Young, Ilana Baar and Harris recorded kills during the run) and, after Encinal fought back to 9-5, Vanessa Williams responded with four service winners, Guilliard-Young and Amalia Jarvis both getting kills and Williams finishing the run off with an ace for 13-6.

The Yellow Jackets won the game 15-6, but struggled once

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NCS to
delay
football
playoffs?Oct. 19 meeting
could push season
back one weekBy Joe Stiglich
TIMES STAFF

The Fremont Unified School District has made a request to push the North Coast Section football playoffs back a week so teams can make up games that were postponed due to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

District superintendent Sharon Jones filed the request, according to NCS commissioner Tom Ehrhorn. The NCS Board of Managers will now consider it during its Oct. 19 meeting.

If the request is granted, all games throughout the section that have been canceled for any reason could be made up the weekend of Nov. 16-17. The first round of the playoffs would then take place Nov. 23-24.

Washington-Fremont postponed its game with Foothill on Sept. 15. The Amador Valley/Kennedy-Fremont matchup also was called off.

Foothill coach Matt Sweeney said he would like to make up

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Gauchos notch 1st win

334 yards of total
offense lifts El
Cerrito; Berkeley
postponedBy Orlando Molina
TIMES STAFF

EL CERRITO —

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With a balanced offensive attack and a stingy defense, El Cerrito High School's football team nailed down its first win of the season in a 41-12 rout of Richmond (1-4, 0-2 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) Friday night.

The Gauchos (1-4, 1-1) took

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advantage of six turnovers, and racked up 334 yards of offense.

Running back Jamonte Cox led El Cerrito with 13 carries for 96 yards and a touchdown. Meanwhile, quarterback Randy Gatewood completed 6 of 15 passes for 181 yards and two scores.

The Gauchos took the lead in the first quarter when Cox swung around the right corner to daylight. He cut back, slipping a tackle, and scampered 73 yards for a 7-0 lead.

Then with 5 minutes, 54 seconds left in the quarter, the Gauchos forced the first of three fumbles.

While rolling to his left on a quarterback keeper, Richmond's Michael Contreras coughed up the

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Spartans charge past Panthers

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

PINOLE — D'Andre McFarland and the Pinole Valley High School running game took charge in the second half Friday against St. Mary's.

McFarland rushed for three touchdowns and 170 of his game-high 239 yards in the second half. Pinole Valley needed every yard, as the Spartans had to hold off a St. Mary's rally in the final quarter to secure a 35-27 nonleague victory.

"We didn't play well, but still

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won," said Pinole Valley coach Jim Erickson, whose team improved to 4-1. "(St. Mary's) did a nice job. They rallied to the ball."

Pinole Valley took a 14-0 lead in the second quarter on a pair of Adrian Smith touchdown passes, but St. Mary's (1-4) entered halftime with momentum

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CONTRA COSTA NEWSPAPER PREP FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	De La Salle	4-0	Rest of schedule seems anticlimactic after Poly win
2.	San Leandro	4-0	Prates fine-tuning for NCS playoffs
3.	Foothill	4-0	Falcons offense showed its firepower against Granada
4.	Miramonte	5-0	Road game at Alhambra is crucial in DFAL race
5.	Skyline	4-1	Titans' trip down south was well worth it with win over Dorsey
6.	Bishop O'Dowd	4-1	Dragons should get a challenge on Saturday against Arroyo
7.	San Ramon Valley	5-0	Friday's game with Foothill is big one in EBAL
8.	Pinole Valley	4-1	Versatile Spartans give opposing defenses plenty to worry about
9.	Las Lomas	5-0	Rushing attack took center stage in win over Concord
10.	James Logan	4-1	MVAL showdown with Newark Memorial awaits next week

Others receiving votes: McClymonds (4-1), Alhambra (4-1). The Times football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Contra Costa Newspapers.

Maltbie staying at NBC

Roger Maltbie will not be taking Ken Venturi's place at CBS next season when Venturi retires.

Rumors that Maltbie will take Venturi's place in the anchor booth have circulated for more than six years now. But Maltbie was emphatic on the driving range at Silverado Country Club last Tuesday.

"I just signed a five-year contract with NBC," Maltbie said. "And that's that."

The rumors were well founded when the story first surfaced in 1995, the first year Venturi gave hints he would retire.

"Chirkinian contacted me," Maltbie said. "He said he definitely wanted me to work for CBS when Venturi retired."

And Maltbie was intrigued by the offer. Chirkinian, the attorney of CBS golf, told Maltbie that Gary McCord would never take Venturi's place in the anchor chair. He said that McCord would always be the No. 1 star on CBS, but he did not belong on the 18th tower.

When Maltbie was offered the job, he did the righteous thing and told his NBC employers about the offer. Dick Ebersol of NBC came back with a generous contract offer to Maltbie.

"CBS never came close to the money NBC offered," Maltbie said. "CBS never raised their offer, thinking the prestige of the job would lure me over. They just said that they don't pay that kind of money. So that did it."

CBS tried to woo Maltbie away from NBC once again, but again they could not match the money NBC was paying Maltbie.

"Now, things changed a few months ago when I was about 50 turn 50," Maltbie said. "I went to NBC again and told them I was thinking hard about playing the senior tour."

NBC thought about that. What Maltbie wanted was a multi-year contract, something he'd never had before. And

NBC came through with a five-year agreement.



RON SALSIG
Range Rat

"And that about did it for the senior tour," Maltbie said with a laugh. "I'll probably play about six tournaments a year, but that's it. I like my job. Sure, I could have had the anchor job at CBS, and that was quite a thing for the ego. But it was best to just check the ego at the door and remain second banana at NBC, doing a job I really enjoy."

While Maltbie was explaining this, several senior tour players approached him, feigning shock that he was there playing in his first senior event.

"Yeah, now don't you feel old," Maltbie told Charlie Coody.

So many came by to welcome Maltbie that Arnold Palmer, hitting balls nearby, couldn't help but comment.

"Is this open to the public or is this a private exhibition?" Palmer asked.

McCord asked Maltbie how many tournaments he planned to play, and Maltbie said, "I'm gonna play until I fall down ... which may be Thursday."

Several made jokes about Maltbie looking much older than 50, a reference regarding his night habits, which stem from one of the more colorful moments of youth. In his second year on tour, Maltbie won the Pleasant Valley Classic near Boston, then lost the first-place check in a bar that night. They found it on the floor the next morning.

"Trevino told me a couple of years ago the senior tour should give me a card, just because ...," Maltbie joked.

Maltbie makes his debut to

day in the Transamerica Seniors at Silverado. Sadly, this may be the last Transamerica, among the most popular events on the west coast. The corporation merged with another last year, and the future of senior golf in Napa is in jeopardy.

Delasin: Just three years removed from her last East Bay Junior title, Dorothy Delasin won the most important title of her young career last Sunday in Vallejo at Hiddenbrooke Golf Club.

Delasin started the final round of the Samsung Women's World Championship one stroke ahead of Karrie Webb and Se Ri Pak. The 21-year-old San Francisco golfer from Lincoln Park, who grew up in poverty, stretched the lead to two strokes with a birdie on the first hole.

The next few holes she had trouble with her putting, but that was set right with a smashing 18-foot birdie putt on the 7th hole, which stretched her lead to three.

Pak, who played with Delasin in the final group, came back with birdies on the 8th and 9th, and Delasin had to sink a 7-foot comeback par putt on the 9th or the two would have been tied.

But Delasin never relinquished the lead, and Pak had trouble with her putter on the back nine, missing several short putts. By the 18th tee, Delasin led by four.

It was the first time Delasin won with the lead. In her other two victories she had come from behind.

"I tried not to cry but I couldn't help myself," said Delasin, who wept all the way down the final fairway (and she made birdie).

The crowd yelled wildly for Delasin all the way down that final fairway. This was a popular victory.

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Berkeley

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again in the fourth game, the fourth game. At first behind 5-1, the Yellow Jackets tied the game 5-5 and led 6-5 on a kill by Gina Colombatto.

The game went back and forth and was tied 11-11 until Encinal got four consecutive

one-point service winners, Yanori Silva aching the game out at 15-11.

"The fourth game — lots of errors toward the end," Berkeley coach Justin Caraway said. "I don't think our mental focus is what it needed to be in games two and four and a little bit in game five."

The Yellow Jackets rallied through the rally-point finale,

the large crowd on hand at Encinal responding to every out and dink. When Hanna spaced the game-winner, there was something approaching relief on the part of the Yellow Jackets.

"We had a big enough lead (in the fifth game) that we could side out the rest of the game," Caraway said. "That was our first game match."

Albany

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by going on a 6-2 run to pull within a point at 14-13. Albany's Tiffany Gates hit a hook shot kill for the game and match winner.

"Our team got away from some of the basics," said Segall. "We had to get back to the steps we know

we needed to make. This is a very steady team when it wants to be. These guys beat us last year. There was a lot of emotion and Piedmont played tough. They are the first team to score 10 points on us in league. They did a good job. We've been gearing up for this for a long time."

Piedmont was able to score off dink shots, keeping Albany off bal-

ance. The Cougar team was pounding us from the beginning. Our teams had excellent back row play to counter the powerful spiker. Piedmont's front row was strong and Hilton was effective in blocking shots and getting kills off back blocks, while Molly Wooster had 18 assists. But Albany's overall game prevailed.

St. Mary's

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with two touchdowns in the last three minutes of the half.

On Pinole Valley's first three drives of the second half, McFarland scored on touchdown runs of 2, 20 and 3 yards for a 35-14 Spartan lead with 10 minutes, 29 seconds left to play. "Our coaches told us to step it up (at halftime)," McFarland said.

But St. Mary's did not back down. Trestin George, who rushed for a team-high 138 yards, sprinted 17 yards into the end zone, and a point-after-touchdown kick by Jack

Beran narrowed the score to 35-21 with 9:56 to go.

Two series later, St. Mary's closed the score to 35-27 on a nine-yard pass from Steve Murphy to Chase Moore. After the PAT conversion kick by Beran was short, Pinole Valley's Gilbert Borunda dived on a squib kick on the Pinole Valley 47.

With 2:20 to play, the Spartans needed to secure a first down or two to ensure that the Panthers would not get another shot at the end zone. McFarland took care of that goal, as he rushed five times for 35 yards and two first downs. "We were able to power-run at the

end," Erickson said.

St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson was pleased with his team's performance.

"I think we played well to the end," Lawson said. "We just kept coming back."

Both teams were scheduled for a first quarter, as the St. Mary's defense limited McFarland to six yards rushing. Pinole Valley opened the scoring early in the second quarter with a 62-yard pass from Smith to Thomas DeCoud.

The scoreboard showed St. Mary's with 5:19 left in the third quarter and the game time was kept on the field the rest of the game.

El Cerrito

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ball at his own 20 and into the waiting arms of Cox, who worked his way to the Oilers 6.

Philip Vincent burst up the middle for a 1-yard plunge to push the lead to 14.

El Cerrito expanded the lead to 28-0 in the second quarter before Richmond's Vansai Nompasevrt scored on a 17-yard ramble up the middle.

Berkeley at De Anza, ppd.

RICHMOND — The Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League matchup between host De Anza and Berkeley was postponed on Friday when field officials did not show up for the game.

At press time, it wasn't certain

whether the game would be rescheduled or deemed a forfeit against host De Anza (2-2, 0-1 ACCAL).

De Anza coach George Pye, visibly frustrated, said Friday he wasn't certain why the officials hadn't arrived, but made the decision to cancel the game after league officials did not arrive for the scheduled junior varsity game.

"It's a little upsetting, but you have to roll with the punches," said Berkeley coach Matt Bissell, who is in his first season with the

Yellow Jackets (1-3, 1-0). "I don't know if anyone is really at fault. It's an unfortunate situation. We just have to look forward to next week."

Troy Petersen, Kibby Kleiman and Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

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Playoffs

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he game with Washington in order to tune up for the playoffs.

"I would love to play them," Sweeney said. "I think they're a

playoff-caliber team."

Pushing the playoffs back would also give Berkeley and De Anza a chance to make up their game, which was canceled last Friday because no officials were scheduled for the contest.

"(The request) does create

some challenges trying to reschedule the whole playoffs," Ehrhorn said. "All of that stuff the board has to consider ... Our job is to make it work no matter what (decision is made)."

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Arts

Ride along with 'Bandits'

■ Small-town bank robbers work the West Coast and fall for their accidental hostage in this oddly cozy yarn

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Barry Levinson's "Bandits" is a charmer, a road movie that takes us on a real journey, one with actual twists and turns and unexpectedly funny moments.

We start with a series of time shifts, establishing that a pair of bank robbers have just died in a bloody shootout in Los Angeles, then work our way back to the beginnings of the duo's partnership. In flashback, we learn that tough, instinctive Joe (Bruce Willis) and his nebbishy pal Terry (Billy Bob Thornton) escape from an Oregon prison on a whim.

They make their way down the West Coast, stopping in small towns along the way. Targeting the local bank manager, they find his or her home, spend the night, then quietly rob the bank in the morning with the help of the manager. The trip is business for them, part of their plan to fund their retirement in Mexico, but pleasure for us, thanks to the work of cinematographer Dante Spinotti ("The Insider"), who makes Oregon and California look ludicrously beautiful. Keep an eye out for local settings like Tomales, Bodega Bay and the Point Montara Lighthouse hostel.

With the help of their foolish but loyal frontman, Joe's cousin Harvey (the appealing Troy Garity, son of Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden), Terry and Joe earn themselves star status on a television show modeled on "America's Most Wanted." They're dubbed "The Sleepover Bandits," and we see lots of grainy television images of them, including an interview they gave the night before the big shootout in L.A. Levinson's reliance on this easy, familiar storytelling technique is an unfortunate distraction. The characters are so rich, the landscape so big, we don't want to be boxed in by the television set.



TERRY (Billy Bob Thornton) and JOE (Bruce Willis) are prison escapees who rob banks and earn the title of "The Sleepover Bandits" on a television crime show.

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Bandits"
- **STARRING:** Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett, Troy Garity
- **RATING:** PG-13 (some sexual content, language and violence)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 3 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** A-

In between jobs, Terry accidentally takes a hostage, a lonely housewife named Kate (Cate Blanchett) who quickly warms to the excitement of life on the run and complicates everyone's lives when both men fall in love with her.

Blanchett proved herself versatile in "Elizabeth" and in "The Talented Mr. Ripley." But in "Bandits," we see her in a whole new light; she is a natural physical co-

median who just happens to be entrancingly beautiful (Spinotti lights her like a painter in love). Her character, Kate, is a nut, an enormous challenge for an actress. Push the zany button too far and you're detestable to the audience — or worse yet, too obvious in your quest for the Lucille Ball crown of comedy. Someone like TV's Debra Messing on "Will & Grace" is very good, but you're always aware that she's working on it: Her brain manufactures zany like Mars makes candy.

Blanchett's version of zany is, in contrast, effortless. In her introduction to Terry, Kate accidentally whacks him with her Mercedes, stuns him a little, loads him into her car and then drives wildly through the streets of Portland while her GPS chirps directions to the nearest hospital. Terry gets alarmed and asks to be let out. She refuses. "I'll shoot you," he threatens. "Oh, go ahead," she bawls at him, mascara running. That exchange

isn't new — in movies we regularly encounter the desperate heroine who has nothing to lose because her life is already lousy. But the way Blanchett delivers that line, you believe it.

It's also tricky to play a woman too very different men are in love with and yet still remain a likable character. In Francois Truffaut's famous menage-a-trois movie, "Jules and Jim," it's understandable that both Jules and Jim fall in love with Jeanne Moreau's character. She's alluring and mysterious. But staying in love with her? Gracious, no. She's awful. In the much softer, cozier "Bandits," screenwriter Harley Peyton is intent on keeping the object of Joe and Terry's affection appealing to all of us, and Blanchett obliges.

So do her male co-stars. Willis gives a subtle, smooth performance. His Joe is the kind of guy who has always been lucky with

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CCCT farce goes backstage with the two tenors



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

It's opening night of a new season at Contra Costa Civic Theatre. Neat-o! By happy happenstance — or maybe they planned it this way — the setting for tonight's play is another opening night, that of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company.

But hold it right there! CCCT hasn't gone operatic on us. Yes, there is a tenor. In fact, two of them, more's the pity. Tonight's opener is Ken Ludwig's farce, "Lend Me a Tenor." And the main high notes being hit will be hysterical laughter. This is a very funny show.

The show has made the rounds of the community theater circuit, so it may be familiar. But here's a brief refresher: Tito Morelli, world-famous tenor, is coming to Cleveland to perform his greatest role, "Otello," as the gala season-opener. His arrival is delayed. When he finally sweeps in, it is too late to rehearse with the company.

Tranquilizers! Tranquilizers, for Il Stupendo (as he is ecstatically known to his adoring fans). Alas, in the confusion the star is given a double dose. Mixed with the booze he has consumed, it's too much and the Great One passes out. Worse yet, Saunders, the opera company general manager, and his assistant, Max, check his pulse and believe he's dead.

What to do? It's almost curtain time. Aha! Max is an aspiring singer and Saunders persuades him to get into Morelli's Otello costume and go out and try to fool the audience into thinking he, Max, is Il Stupendo. This being a typically Ludwigan farce, you know what happens. Max wows them! Or



EMILIE FRYBARGER and Michael Cohen star in "Lend Me a Tenor" at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre.

however opera audiences show their approval.

Meanwhile, Tito comes to, realizes he's supposed to be on, and quickly scrambles into his spare Otello costume.

Now there are TWO Otellos running around in costume, pursuing two women, each believing she's with the real Il Stupendo.

Add a passel of other zany characters, the usual quota of slamming doors and a dollop of mayhem and you have the ingredients of a true sidesplitting farce. Jonathan Bender is directing.

"Lend Me a Tenor" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 17, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 28. Tickets are \$12 general; \$8 for youths age 16 and under. Call 510-524-9132.

STOPPARD FANTASY AT AE: A week from today, Friday,

Oct. 19, Actors Ensemble of Berkeley opens its 45th season with Tom Stoppard's "Travesties." AE describes the play as a witty fantasy about encounters between James Joyce, Lenin and Tristan Tzara, the Dadaist artist in Zurich during World War I. Mikel Clifford is directing.

How in the world did the ever-inventive Stoppard come up with such an unlikely cast of characters and a setting like that?

Well, it seems there's an obscure footnote in Joyce's "Ulysses" about the author's production in Zurich at that time of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Joyce chose a British consular official by the name of Henry Carr to play Algernon. Carr and Joyce had a falling out over money. But that's not the point of the play.

Carr becomes the hero-protagonist and around him swirl these three revolutionary figures. And around them, plus Carr, dance Gwendolyn and Cecily from the "Importance of Being Earnest."

A seemingly tangled web, indeed. But trust Stoppard's way with words to lead us out.

As the London Times said in a review, "One of the great pleasures of the evening is Stoppard's skill in moving in and out of Wilde's dialogue and rewriting it for his own purposes."

"Travesties" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from Oct. 19 through Nov. 17 with one performance on Thursday, Nov. 15, at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman, Berkeley. Tickets are \$10. Call 510-528-5620.

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Oakland Chinatown, Oct. 20. This bustling Asian Center is the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza Fountain at Ninth and Webster Streets.

Free. Oakland, (510) 238-3234 or www.oaklandnet.com

Landmark's Act 1 & 2 Theatre Mid-night Movie Series — through Oct. 29

Oct. 13: "The Ghost in the Shell" (1995), directed by Mamoru Oshii. Anime action and philosophical speculation about technology and humanity.

Oct. 20: "The Princess Bride" (1987), directed by Rob Reiner. An oddball fairy tale packed with romance, adventure and unusually sized rodents, plus an appearance by Andre the Giant.

2128 Center St., Berkeley, (510) 843-8108 or www.LandmarkTheatres.com

The 15th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition — through Oct. 28. Featuring works by 91 established and emerging artists and craftspeople who live or work in Emeryville. Media include paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics, jewelry and glass works.

Performances of Nancy Karp and Dancers' site-specific work "Il Mercato," Oct. 19, noon and Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, 2 p.m.

Free. Daily, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5980

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Parents: Beware of new daytime TV shows

Ever thought I'd say this but I miss Martha Stewart

The show at 3 p.m. on KPIX, because the effluent channels began discharging sewage airwaves in Maggie's last few weeks ago turns out to be a dimbulb show called "The Fifth Wheel." I'm already hearing from readers about this vulgar offering. Writes Clarice

"In 40 years of viewing TV I have never complained about a show, but I can't let one go by. I was appalled

and this smarmy show on at 3 a.m., when school is over."

So was I, Clarice. Since I watch so much TV, my wife pays no attention to what I

am tuned in. But the other day she called out from the

bedroom while I was enduring this show, asking, "What is that garbage you're watching?"

In fact, "Fifth Wheel" is so bad you want to turn an air freshener when you

turn off the TV. It makes "Jerry Springer" look highbrow. As

older Stasz puts it, "Shame, shame, shame. This show should be on at 3 a.m." If at all.

Each fall, several new syndicated shows are sprung on Bay Area viewers. Of the three that

major stations have just bought that we mention today, they are deplorable. "Fifth

Wheel," a 30-minute dating show, airs not once, but twice a

week at 3 and 3:30 p.m. on increasingly desperate FOX. The good news: "Fifth

Wheel" is getting lousy ratings, worse than what dooms goddess Stewart (whose

show still airs at 9 a.m. on KPIX) was getting at 3 p.m.

There's little from this revivified daytime show I can

point in a family newspaper. "Fifth Wheel" says it's about

high-speed courtship. "Four body twentysomething singles

exchange fascinating info about their sex lives and are

me to trot — until a fifth single brought in to alter the hormonal equation.

The first thing to emerge from one single gal's mouth

and this is at 3 p.m., mind you, was, "Hi, I'm Maggie, and

on a sex fiend." An allegedly heterosexual, VH-1 pop-up balloon

appeared beneath her reading, "Hello Maggie."

Maggie is then seen in a state and "rays" are superimposed so that a horse appears

to be ... looking down her blouse! Then, once she's

stride the supposedly mystic beast, her new male

friend asks, "Is that the biggest thing you've ever had between

your legs?"

In another show, the very first thing one young thing

asks the male contestant next to her is, "Do you think you could sexually please me?"

And that's the tamer material. It gets much, much worse.

Again, this is all at 3 p.m., right after school. When most

parents aren't around. On a major broadcast station, not a

pay-per-view.

I'd like to say KPIX should be ashamed for putting "Fifth Wheel" on the air before 2

p.m., but Channel 5's current programming is obviously

unfamiliar with the concept of shame — or decency. It wasn't

that long ago that a station would have its license pulled

for airing something as vulgar as "Fifth Wheel." Good thing

for KPIX brass the Taliban aren't watching the FCC.

This medium is a new low: "Crashing Over With John

Edwards" a new weekday show

Oakland-based KTVU just bought and runs between 4 and

5 p.m. is just as shameless and

creative in its own way. The

show's Edwards picks people

from the studio audience —

to interview and feel they've

been pre-interviewed, and the

show's disclaimer does nothing

to dissuade this notion — and

supposedly gets them in touch

with dead relatives.

Edwards, a shameless self-promoter, has the personality

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Times and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information.
Compiled by Hollywood.com

*Wheelchair Accessible

Showtimes for Friday, October 12.

Alameda County

Act 1 & II

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
● **Grateful Dawg** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45
● **Multihand Drive** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Avenue, Albany 843-FILM
● **Bread and Tulips** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50
● **Va Savoir (Who Knows?)** (PG-13) 1:15, 5:00, 8:15

California Theatres

2113 Kitebird Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
Closed for renovation on 10/07/01

Century 16 Bayfair Mall *

350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 481-0123
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 8:00, 10:10
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30
● **Hardball** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) noon, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:50
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:00, 4:05, 6:15, 8:15, 10:15
● **Joy Ride** (R) 12:15, 12:50, 2:30, 3:15, 4:50, 5:25, 7:15, 8:10, 9:30, 10:20
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:50, 5:40, 7:40, 9:55
● **The Others** (PG-13) 1:40, 6:15, 10:20
● **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 3:55, 8:15
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55

● **Training Day** (R) 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 1:15, 2:20, 3:05, 3:50, 4:55, 6:50, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45, 10:25
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 1:55, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:05

Century 25 Union City Union Landing *

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-8993
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 12:20, 1:20, 2:15, 3:10, 4:10, 5:05, 5:55, 7:00, 7:55, 8:45, 9:50, 10:40, 11:35
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:35, 1:40, 2:45, 3:50, 4:55, 6:00, 7:05, 8:10, 9:15, 10:20, 11:25
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:15, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:50, 7:45, 9:25, 10:25, midnight
● **Hardball** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:15, 7:40, 9:10, 10:15, 11:40
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 2:55, 4:00, 5:20, 6:15, 7:35, 8:25, 9:45, 10:35, 11:55
● **Joy Ride** (R) 11:40 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:05, 4:20, 5:40, 6:55, 8:15, 10:15, 11:55
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:25, 2:25, 3:35, 4:35, 5:40, 7:00, 7:50, 10:00
● **The Others** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55

● **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:40, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40, 11:50
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 12:40, 1:55, 3:55, 4:40, 5:30, 7:05, 7:45, 9:20, 10:05, 11:40
● **Training Day** (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:35, 4:15, 5:05, 5:45, 6:25, 7:15, 8:00, 8:40, 9:25, 10:05, 10:45, 11:20, midnight
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 12:20, 1:35, 2:35, 3:45, 4:45, 6:00, 7:20, 8:20, 9:35, 10:35, 11:45

Chabot Cinema

2300 Sycamore Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
● **Training Day** (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaDome *

10000 Tien Drive, Oakland 936-7300
● **The Living Sea** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 8:30
● **The Mysterians of Egypt** (NR) 1:00, 7:30
● **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m.

Elmwood Theatre 3

2956 College Avenue, Berkeley 849-0530
● **Happy Accidents** (R) 7:40
● **Himalaya: The Hidden Dilemma** (G) 7:00
● **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 4:30, 9:00
● **Rat Race** (PG-13) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
● **Sax Beast** (R) 5:15, 9:40

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley *

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
● **Badlands** (R) 9:15
● **The Glaners and I** (Les Glaneurs et la Glaneuse) (NR) 7:30, French subtitles

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 482-3558
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:35, 7:00, 9:45
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50

Jack London Cinema *

100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35
● **Joy Ride** (R) 11:45 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30

Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward *

19501 Hesperman Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
● **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:20
● **The Others** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

The Princess Diaries (G)

● **Ret Race** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
● **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:40
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) noon, 2:15, 4:30, 6:30, 9:30

NAZ 8 *

38400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
● **Alone** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● **Chandler Bar** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● **Kasem** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● **Kyle X... Main** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● **Pandora's Box** (NR) 8:00, 11:00
● **Yeh Yeh Yeh** (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 11:00

Oaks Theater *

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 6:00, 8:00, 9:45
● **The Deep End** (R) 7:00
● **The Others** (PG-13) 9:00

Piedmont Theater

4186 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM
● **Bread and Tulips** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
● **Ghost World** (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
● **Multihand Drive** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

Shattuck Cinemas *

2230 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:10, 4:25, 6:35, 8:45
● **The Closet (La Placard)** (R) 1:00, 3:30, 7:25
● **The Endurance** (NR) 1:20, 3:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:35
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
● **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** (R) 5:15, 9:25
● **LiLi** (NC-17) 2:05, 9:50
● **Liam** (R) 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45
● **Mad in the Moon** (NR) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
● **Max Fleischer's Secret Life** (NR) 2:00, 4:20, 6:55, 9:15
● **First Mission** (R) 1:20, 3:55, 7:00, 9:40
● **Together** (R) 4:15, 9:00
● **Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust** (R) 4:15, 9:10

UA Berkeley 7

2214 Chabot Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 12:05, 3:10, 5:20, 10:05
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 11:55 a.m., 2:35, 5:10

7:55, 10:45
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55, 10:50
● **Joy Ride** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20
● **Training Day** (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) noon, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

UA Emerybay 10 *

6300 Emery Avenue, Emeryville 426-0107
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, midnight
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00, 12:15 a.m.
● **Joy Ride** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50, 12:20 a.m.
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 10:45 a.m., 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:15, 10:30
● **Training Day** (R) 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00, 12:30 a.m., 10:50 AM, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:35, 3:50, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.

UA Hayward 6 *

24800 Hesperman Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
● **Hardball** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
● **Joy Ride** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 9:50
● **Training Day** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Central Contra Costa

Orinda Theater *

1000 Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 7:15, 9:35
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) 6:00, 8:00, 9:45
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 6:00, 8:00, 9:45

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
● **Monty Python and the Holy Grail** (PG) 7:00, 9:15

Rheem All-Stadium 4 *

350 Park Street, Moraga 988-3411
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● **Tortilla Soup** (PG-13) 4:50, 7:30, 9:45
● **Training Day** (R) 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:40, 9:50

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop *

2100 Hilltop Drive, Richmond 758-2345
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 12:45, 2:20, 3:45, 5:55, 7:45, 9:50, 10:35
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:45, 3:55, 5:55, 8:05, 10:15
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05
● **Hardball** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) 12:20, 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:00, 10:15
● **Joy Ride** (R) 11:50 a.m., 12:35, 2:15, 4:30, 6:25, 7:10, 9:30, 10:25
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 1:50, 4:00, 6:15, 8:20, 10:20
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:00, 3:00, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55, 10:20
● **Shrek** (PG) 11:25
● **Training Day** (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:10, 12:50, 1:35, 2:15, 2:55, 3:35, 4:15, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:25, 9:05, 9:45, 10:30
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:40, 3:50, 5:55, 8:00, 10:10

Foreign Cinema - CA

2531 Mission Street, San Francisco 648-7600
● **Barbarian Films** (R) 7:30, 9:30

AMC 1000 Van Ness

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 922-4444
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:50, 7:50, 9:45, 10:45, 12:35 a.m.
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 12:20, 1:20, 2:30, 3:30, 4:35, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15, 11:30, 12:30 a.m.
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) 1:40, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40, 11:50
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25, 11:30
● **The Others** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:00, 8:05, 10:35
● **Rat Race** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
● **Rock Star** (R) 1:30, 5:35
● **Training Day** (R) 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10, 11:00, 12:40 a.m.
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30, 11:45

AMC Kabuki 8

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 922-4444
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:35, 10:40
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
● **Ghost World** (R) 1:45, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 2:15, 5:30, 8:05, 10:30
● **Joy Ride** (R) 2:05, 5:20, 8:15, 10:50
● **Max Keeble's Big Move** (PG) 1:25, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● **Training Day** (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:05
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) 1:55, 5:10, 7:55, 10:15

Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 352-0810
● **My First Mister** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

Castro Theater

Castro Street & Market Streets, San Francisco 821-6120
● **The Endurance** (NR) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

Clay

2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 352-0810
● **Va Savoir (Who Knows?)** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:50, 6:00, 9:15

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 352-0810
● **Bread and Tulips** (PG-13) noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00
● **The Closet (La Placard)** (R) 1:10, 3:30, 7:30, 9:50
● **Grateful Dawg** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
● **Multihand Drive** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 3:40, 6:30, 7:00, 9:40, 10:10

Lumiere

1572 California Street, San Francisco 352-0810
● **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
● **LiLi** (NC-17) noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
● **The Obscure Object of Desire** (NR) 12:20, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Opera Plaza Cinemas

601 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 352-0810
● **101 Reykjavik** (NR) 1:00, 7:00
● **Hailu Tunnel** (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45
● **Liam** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
● **Together** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
● **Vampire Hunter D: Bloodlust** (R) 4:00, 9:30

Red Vic

1727 Haight Street, San Francisco 668-3994
● **Down from the Mountain** (NR) 7:15, 9:25

Roxie

3117 18th Street, San Francisco 863-1087
● **They All Laughed** (NR) 7:00, 9:30

Loews Theater at Metreon

2500 Market Street, San Francisco 399-6300
● **Bandits** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:50, 7:20, 8:50, 10:30, midnight
● **Corky Romano** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40
● **Don't Say a Word** (R) 12:10, 3:20, 6:40, 9:30
● **Hardball** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 6:40, 9:30
● **Hearts in Atlantis** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30, 10:30
● **Iron Monkey** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 1:10, 2:45, 3:40, 5:20, 7:35, 8:10, 10:00, 10:50
● **Joy Ride** (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
● **The Others** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 5:15, 11:00
● **Serendipity** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 12:20, 2:10, 3:10, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50, 10:40, 10:50, 11:10
● **Training Day** (R) 11:45 a.m., 12:40, 2:35, 3:00, 3:50, 6:10, 7:10, 8:05, 9:10, 10:10, 12:05 a.m.
● **Zoolander** (PG-13) noon, 1:10, 2:45, 3:40, 5:20, 7:35, 8:10, 10:00, 10:50



IN "IRON MONKEY," the kindly Dr. Wang (played by Yu Rong Guang) who runs a clinic is also the masked avenger who robs from the poor and gives to the rich in 1858 Chekiang.

Fans will go bananas over 'Iron Monkey'

Events

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South Floor, Emeryville. (510) 662-6122 or www.Emeryville.org

Village Fine Arts And Crafts Fall Fest — Oct. 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring ceramics, oils, glasswork, photography, jewelry, ceramics, and more. Emeryville Business District, 1000 Lake at LaSalle, off Highway 13, Emeryville (510) 339-1000 or (510) 392-1195.

Evening With Studs Terkel — 7:30 p.m. The Herb Caen San Francisco Chronicle Lectures features the historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The City and the Stars" and "The Last Days of Pompeii." Hosted by Orville Shovel. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, (510) 642-9988 or (510) 392-4400.

Concubine Chef Competition — Oct. 16, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. An "Iron Chef" style cook-off featuring top Bay Area chefs competing to create the best crab dish as judged by a panel of local celebrity tasters. With seafood hors d'oeuvres, a live auction and entertainment by the jazz ensemble, Afro Haitian Dance Troupe, Concert Chorale and more. To benefit Berkeley High School Visual & Performing Arts Group's Fresh Fish Grotto, 1919 Durant St., Berkeley, (510) 845-1771.

Speakers Lecture Series — 2002 — Oct. 16, 8 p.m. Bill O'Reilly, host of Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," and author of the New York Times best-selling book by the same name is known for his tough questions and answers by liberals and conservatives. 5300 to 5330, Berkeley Community Theatre, 1930 Allison Way, Berkeley, (510) 343-9001 or www.speakersseries.net.

Port of Oakland Harbor Tour — Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The tour includes Port history and the Port's expansion plans. Passengers aboard the tour boat will have a chance to see the giant cranes that were delivered last October. Call for reservations. 530 Water St., Oakland, (510) 527-1188 or www.portofoakland.com

Cactus and Succulent Show And Sale — Oct. 20 and Oct. 21. The Cactus and Succulent Society of Oakland presents this opportunity to purchase rare and exotic plants and to ask questions about plants that may not be doing so well. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Garden Center, 866 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, (925) 833-0453.

Exhibits

CCCI Gallery — "The Figure," Oct. 18 through Nov. 17. A group exhibition of five Bay Area artists. Oct. 19, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bandits

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the ladies. In the midst of a robbery, you practically hear the small catch in his throat when he spots a beautiful woman. But Kate is different. Their romance isn't just about the hunk going for the available woman. She makes him laugh, loosens him up. He actually wants her, and he's not sure whom to root for. Both he and Terry need Kate, for different reasons. There's a bit of Levinson's

Mann

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And, of course, John Edwards is just the guy to perform the spiritual function. If you can watch "Crossing Jordan" more than once, you've got a stronger stomach than I. Words of Wisdom — From Oprah: Following the daily news, Channel 2 also recently promoted "The Ananda Lewis Show" on KTVU viewers week-end. True, it's a step up from Ricki Lake which used to be here, but...do we really want or need teens getting inappropriate advice on sex and relationships via a 28-year-old horse and former MTV

At least Lewis's dreary show is a step up from the two afore-

p.m. Free. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1852 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 843-2527 or www.acccitysearch.com

Alice Arts Center — "Windows Exhibition II Series," through March 28. This series of exhibitions features works by 24 Bay area artists shown in the front windows of the Center. The media include sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, photography, painting and woodblock prints. Sponsored by the City of Oakland Craft and Cultural Arts Department. Through Oct. 28: Works by George Chen, Lynne Prather and Tomoko Murakami. Free. Daily, 24 hours. 1428 Alice St., Oakland, (510) 238-4948.

Ardeny Gallery — "Architects of the Information Age," through Nov. 10. An exhibit by Ezra L. Eismond. Reception, Oct. 13, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 709 Broadway, Oakland, (510) 838-0831 or www.artio.com

Artship Foundation — "Tuesday Art Series," Tuesday, 7 p.m. Presenting artists from a variety of disciplines who discuss their work and processes. Oct. 16: Robert Huckaby, portrait artist. Free. Oakland. Conference Room, Waterfront Plaza Hotel 10 Water St., Jack London Square, (510) 268-4978 or www.artship.org

Berkeley Art Center — "The Whole World's Watching," through Dec. 16. A documentary photo exhibit examining the history of the social movements of the 1960s and 1970s. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley, (510) 844-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org

California College of Arts and Crafts — "Utopia Now!" through Dec. 1. A group exhibition presenting both practical and radical approaches to transforming urban and social environments. Free. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Olive Art Center, Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway, Oakland, (415) 551-9210 or www.ccaac-art.edu

Chi Gallery — Ademola Olugetofola and Vincent Smith, through Nov. 10. An exhibit of etchings and monprints. Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 912A Clay St., Oakland, (510) 832-4244.

Creative Growth Art Center — "Out of Line," closing Oct. 12. An exhibit of drawings by Kerry Damiakes and Dan Miller. Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 355 234th St., Oakland, (510) 836-2340 or www.creativegrowth.org

The 15th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition — through Oct. 28. Featuring works by 91 established and emerging artists and craftspeople

who live or work in Emeryville. Included are paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics, jewelry and glass works. SPECIAL EVENTS — "Il Mercato," Oct. 19 at noon and Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Performances of Nancy Karp and Dancers' site-specific work. Free. Daily, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5980 Horton St., Sixth Floor, Emeryville, (510) 652-6122 or www.Emeryvillearts.org

Graduate Theological Union — "Holocaust Drawings," Oct. 15 through Jan. 25. An exhibit of 21 works on paper by Cleve Gray, representing a "catharsis" in which color invites consideration of the Holocaust in ways unattainable through words or text. "Jesus, This is Your Life — Stones and Pictures by Kids," through Nov. 16. An exhibit of original artwork created by children ages 4 to 12 in a workshop led by Jeff Kunkle. Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, (510) 649-2541.

Hall of Pioneers Gallery — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," open-ended. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland, (510) 530-4590.

Kala Art Institute — "The Identity Project Show," Oct. 13 and Oct. 14. In conjunction with the San Francisco Art Institute, Kala presents the works of young Bay area artists who participated in a summer program on the concept of identity. Reception, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. "Inside Editions," closing Oct. 12. Honoring nine artists from around the world who have worked at Kala over the last decade. Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley, (510) 549-2977 or www.kala.org

New Pieces Quilt Shop Gallery — "Quilts from Glorious Patchwork 1 and 2," through Nov. 1. A show of works by Kaffe Fassett. Free. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, (510) 527-6779 or www.newpieces.com

Nexus Gallery — "CLOSING — 'Verging On ...'" closing Oct. 17. An exhibition based on the synergy among artists, with works by Claudia Alvarez, Diana Archila, Andrea Boock, Mary Jones, Miel Paredes, Stacey Speyer and Natalie Tyler. Free. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 2707 Eighth St., Berkeley, (510) 469-5468.

Oakland Art Gallery — "An Oakland Metaphor: Hidden Treasures, The Pardee Artists," through Nov. 3. An exhibit featuring artists who worked in the Wetmore Pardee Building, including those

who worked in the Crown Point Press Oakland Studio. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; third Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lionel Wilson Building, Ground Floor, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, (510) 637-0395 or www.oaklandculturalarts.org

City Of Oakland Craft And Cultural Arts Gallery — "Steel Dreams," through Oct. 26. An exhibit of painted metal sculptures by Joseph Slusky. Slide-Lecture Presentation, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. State of California Office Bldg., 1515 Clay St., Oakland, (510) 238-6952.

Oakland Museum Of California — The museum's Professional Services department presents exhibitions at two auxiliary venues. "Alex Mitchell: New Works," through Nov. 9. Presented by the museum's Professional Services department. In the lobby of 1945 Broadway, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Essence of Place," through Oct. 26. An exhibit of works by Mitchell Johnson. Presented by the museum's Professional Services department. In the lobby of the Latham Square Building, 1611 Telegraph Ave. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Oakland, (510) 238-3843, (888) OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org

Proarts — "Census 2000: Asian Pacific Islander Americans," closing Oct. 13. This exhibit features Asian Pacific Islander American artists in roughly the demographic proportions indicated by a recent study claiming that Asian and Pacific Islander Americans comprise the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States. Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 461 Ninth St., Oakland, (510) 763-4361 or www.proartsgallery.org

Posud — "Colored: Black 'n' White — Filipinos in American Popular Media, 1896-1907," through Oct. 31. An exhibit of political cartoons and newspapers. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1808 Fifth St., Berkeley, (510) 883-1808

Richmond Art Center — "Mastermind," through Nov. 9. Works by selected graduates from the 10 Master of Fine Arts programs in the greater Bay area. In the Main Gallery. "Marianne Kolb: Solo Exhibition," through Nov. 9. Recent paintings from the "Monk Series." In the South Gallery. "The Way Our Hands See," through Nov. 9. Recent works by Richmond Art Center's ART10 teen artists. In the Community Gallery. "The Art of Healing/The Healing Of Art," through Nov. 9. Six printmakers explore the relationship between art and the healing process.

Tucker

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AN UNSETTLING 'ORESTES': "Orestes" by Charles L. Mee, directed by Christopher Herold, continues tonight, tomorrow and Sunday, closing with three performances on the same three days next weekend. Shows start at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

The UC Berkeley Department of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies production is presented in the Zellerbach Playhouse on campus. Tickets are \$12 general admission; \$8 for faculty and staff; \$6 for seniors and students. Mee has taken "Orestes"

been getting a trout lately with Hackney on Channel 4's morning newscast. Blake is a capable newscaster who successfully launched that KRON newscast 10 years ago. Whether or not she's back for good hasn't been confirmed by KRON.

Clip 'N Save: Finally today, a handy guide to the new fall network TV series: New shows definitely worth a look "Scrubs" (Tuesday, NBC); "Philly" (Tuesday, ABC); "The Agency" (Thursday, CBS); "The Education of Max Bickford" (Sunday, CBS).

Close call (Watch if nothing better is on) "Alias" (Sunday, ABC); "Crossing Jordan" (Monday, NBC); "Star Trek: Enterprise" (Wednesday, UPN); "Inside Schwartz" (Thursday, NBC); "Pasadena" (Friday, Fox); "Danny" (Friday, CBS); "Thieves" (Friday, ABC); New series to avoid "UC: Undercover" (Sunday, NBC); "Emeril" (Tuesday, NBC); "Bob Patterson" (Tuesday, ABC); "According to Jim" (Wednesday, ABC); "Wolf Lake" (Friday, CBS); "Reba" (Friday, WB); "Maybe It's Me" (Friday, WB).

(You can e-mail Bill at News-

In the Community Gallery SPECIAL EVENTS — Mastermind Artists' Talks, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, (510) 620-6772 or www.thenchmondartcenter.org

Royal Ground Gallery — "In The Zone," through Jan. 1. Featuring art work by Kay Alhos, Joyce Blegen, Carol Jones Brown, Mei-Yu Lo, Lynda Robinson, Rita Sargent-Simon, Shirley Warwick and Elizabeth Zackheim. An exhibit of paintings, paper pieces, mixed media, photography, wall reliefs and sculpture. Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, (510) 339-0348

San Francisco Museum Of Modern Art — "Revelatory Landscapes," closing Oct. 14. An exhibition of five site-specific projects around the Bay area drawing attention to typically unseen landscape zones on the edge of the urban scene. Seventh and Peralta Streets, Oakland: "Landscape in Blue — Entropy in the Landscape." Hood Design will position a series of benches describing the historical changes at the intersection, once known for its vibrant jazz and blues scene before construction of the U.S. Post Office and the West Oakland BART there. Interstate 80 and University Avenue, Berkeley: "Coastlines." The Tom Leader Studio will install a series of black screens that relate to the alignments of the area, from geologic faults and rail lines to municipal designations. Free. A map with specific directions is available at SFMOMA in San Francisco, (415) 947-1292 or www.sfmoma.org/landscape

Traywick Gallery — "In Through The Outdoors," Oct. 20 through Nov. 24. A group exhibition focusing on photography and related media including sculpture and video. Opening Reception, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Amy Kaufman, closing Oct. 13. Recent paintings and works on paper by the Bay area artist. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1316 Tenth St., Berkeley, (510) 527-1214 or www.traywick.com

University Of California, Graduate School Of Journalism — "50 Years of Photography in Japan (1951-2001)," through Nov. 5. Photos from the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper. The exhibit marks the 50th anniversary of the San Francisco Peace Treaty and is being shown in conjunction with the U.S./Japan 21st Century Project. Free. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 121 North Gate Hall, Berkeley, (510) 642-3383

Farmers' Markets **Berkeley Farmers' Market** — ongoing.

ing. A chance to buy local organic produce, baked goods and flowers. The two markets operate rain or shine. Tuesday Market, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Derby Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Saturday Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free. Berkeley, (510) 548-3333.

West Berkeley Market — through Oct. 28. Vendors offer Thai and Indian food, produce, flowers, clothing, sculpture, jewelry, soap and more. Free. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. University Avenue between Third and Fourth, Berkeley, (510) 654-6346 or www.westberkeley.com

Grand Lake Oakland Certified Farmers Market — ongoing. A chance to buy local organic produce and baked goods. Free. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MacArthur Boulevard and Grand Avenue, Oakland, (415) 456-FARM or (800) 897-FARM

Jack London Square Farmers Market — ongoing. A chance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, baked goods, and more. Free. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway, Oakland, (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

Outdoors

Aquatic Outreach Institute — "The 12th Annual Creeks, Wetlands and Watersheds Conference." Oct. 13 through Nov. 17. A series of workshops covering topics such as gardening for wildlife, hands-on creek restoration techniques, restoration gardening and marsh canoeing. Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: "Gardening with East Bay Native Plants." A hands-on workshop touching on many aspects of restoration gardening. \$25 to \$35. Berkeley, (510) 231-5778, (510) 231-5655 or www.aoinstitute.org

Brooks Island — "Intro to Kayaking and Tour Combo" — Brooks Island, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guided, instructional trip to Brooks Island. For age 13 and up. Registration required. \$70 to \$78. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond, (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

Greenbelt Alliance Outings — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations required for all trips. ALAMEDA COUNTY — "BART to Volmer Peak," Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Explore a creek flowing through the Berkeley campus and ascend into the wild University of California open space. Difficulty: challenging. Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 to 2,000 feet.

from the original by Euripides and set his version in an undefined time and place in America. But clearly — although obviously conceived and written before Sept. 11 — he directs his indictments toward all societies for what he sees as "the annihilating tendencies that so obviously run through out common nature." The quotation is from Herold's director's note in the program.

This is an unsettling play to watch and hear. Its language, brutally frank and gratefully coarse at times, contrasts with the elaborate upscale serenity of Kate Edmund's scenic design: a classic white mansion facade facing a trim green lawn, incongruously set with four hospital beds, emblematic of a sick society.

Free. The squeamish will squirm at this dark and troubling almost two-hour production without intermission. But to quote Herold again, "The fact that we are doing it in this particular way" — referring to the aftermath of the terror attack — "seems hopeful to me."

Freedom of expression, regardless of the direction it takes, is a heritage to cherish and protect.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806; fax to 510 262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@cc-times.com, or call 510 262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

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Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as

space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to lshinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 8-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Community

Neighborhood Parents network presents a panel discussion and fair for North Oakland and Berkeley area preschools from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 at the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Ave., in Oakland. The event offers an opportunity for discussion for par-

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ents seeking information about their neighborhood preschools and offers tools to help navigate the application process. Admission: \$5 for NPN members and \$10 for non members. For more information about NPN or the fair, call 527-6667 or visit the Web site at www.parentnet.org.

Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto, Diablo Magazine, Pacific Seafood and Southern Wine & Spirits, hosts the Crabby Chef Competition from 4 p.m. to 5

p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Spenger's parking lot, 1919 Fourth St. in Berkeley. The "Iron Chef" style cook-off will feature top East Bay chefs competing to create the best crab dish as judged by a panel of local celebrity tasters. Immediately following the competition there will be a fund-raising reception with the \$25 per person donation benefiting the Visual and Performing Arts Group of Berkeley High School. A 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. reception,

held indoors at Spenger's, will include seafood hors d'oeuvre, tasting with 10 wineries and entertainment. Tickets for the fund-raising reception will be held at the door and reservations, which are recommended, can be made by e-mailing robertg@spengers.com or by calling Spenger's at 845-7777.

El Cerrito Democratic Club's annual dinner takes place at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd.,

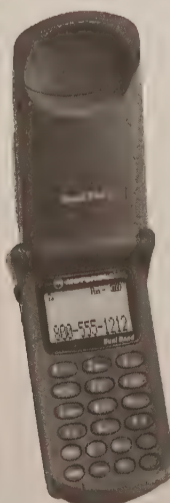
just below Arlington Ave. Former assemblyman Bob Campbell will talk about changes in politics, in particular, Campbell represented portions of West Contra Costa and was an expert on socioeconomic and budget. State Senator Tomson and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher have also been invited. For more information, call 527-2661.

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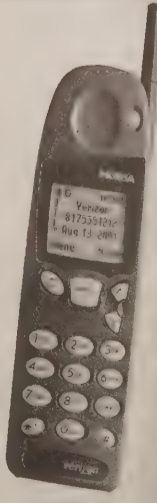
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Albany Community Center continues its exhibit of acrylic paintings by Mei-Rung Huang through Dec. 6 in its foyer, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. The exhibit entitled "Lotus," is influenced by both Eastern and Western traditions of art. Huang has been painting since she was very young and studied with her parents as well as several masters in Taiwan. She later majored in Art at Eastern Oregon State University. For more information, call 524-9283.

Kala Art Institute, 1080 Heinz Ave., presents "Inside Editions," through Oct. 12. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday, Noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Artists include Jessica Dunne, Jimin Lee, Robin McCloskey, Nora Pauwels, Unai San Martin, Seiko Tachibana, Karen Tossavainen, Turaj

and Kazuko Watanabe. For more information, call 549-2977 or visit the Web site at kala.org.

The Richmond Museum of History continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and homefront contributions during WWII. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at the corner of 4th Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to ex-

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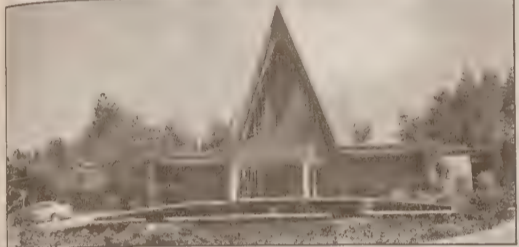
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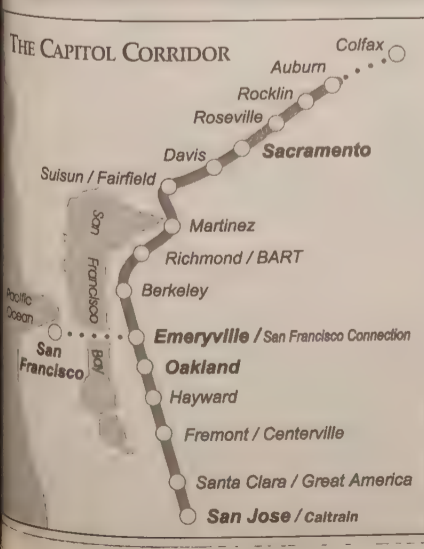
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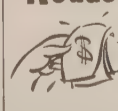
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The Jazzschool, 2375 Shattuck Ave., presents the Frank Martin Band, at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14. Admission is \$6-12. For reservations or more information, call 845-5373 or visit the Web site at www.jazzschool.com

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Two workshops for singers entitled, "The Embodiment of Tone," are being offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10 at St. Alban's Parish Hall, 1501 Washington St., in Albany. The workshops are taught by Karen Clark, an internationally acclaimed vocalist and practitioner of the Feldenkrais Method of somatic Education. The cost for each workshop is \$85. Call 594-4048 to reserve a space and for more information.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is

Theater, Dance & Film

Transparent Theater in Berkeley, 1801 Ashby Ave., at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, continues "Swanwhite," a fairy-tale-like play about romantic love, through Oct. 21. Transparent Theater is a new theatrical enterprise, launching its inaugural season in a new theater in what was once an old church. Tickets: \$20. Thursday through Saturday, pay what you can Sunday. For more information, call 863-0305

UC Berkeley's Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies presents the play *Charles*, by Nees Orestes, through Oct. 21 at the Zellerbach Playhouse, 101 Dwinelle Annex. *Orestes* is a thrilling adaptation

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Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., present "A Taste of the World: Cultural Understanding Through Food," 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, through Nov. 1. Experience the cuisine's of Spain, Portugal, Italy, Morocco and Israel with Chef Daniel Herskovic. Each week, Chef Daniel prepares classic regional dishes while enhancing your cooking skills and understanding of indigenous ingredients. All classes are hands on and feature authentic fare. Cost: \$25 per class includes meal and cooking lesson. To register, call Daniel Herskovic at 655-8487.

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to

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Vieta Community College, 2020 Millia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

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Are All Your Eggs in One Basket?

Investment Strategy for Seniors Offers Grand Lifestyle, But Protects Nest Eggs

By Susan Rich

San Leandro - The Bay Area housing market conditions have created a definitive advantage for seniors. A three bedroom home purchased for \$25,000 in the 40's or 50's now sells for \$600,000. Divesting themselves of real estate and investing in a lower risk portfolio is an approach that allows seniors to retain their cash, while drawing on the non-reducing principal. The annual interest, added to Social Security benefits, allows for a grand lifestyle, without touching the original investment.

In addition, senior living communities have not kept pace with the 50% increase in housing costs, less than 6% increase creates a spectacular deal for seniors. The next step is selecting the right community.

Since the "Greatest Generation" and Baby Boomers have started hitting their 50's, companies developing independent, assisted living and Alzheimer/memory care communities are rapidly expanding nationwide; touting multiple sites and rapid growth. The question is, how well are these providers equipped to actually deliver the services that seniors need after the dust from construction has settled?

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Tim MacDonald enjoys a conversation with a resident in the community's elegant living room

management companies operating senior living communities is a task that is most often left to the adult children, who are faced with a parent in need of socialization or care related services. Making a decision for a parent or loved one is difficult because it involves a reversal of roles. Parenting a parent is possibly one of the most stressful experiences of our lives, and often happens when we are least prepared.

While some seniors are physically fit and able to meet their daily needs, many

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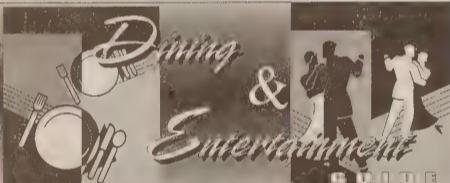
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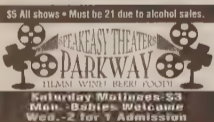
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Generation Gap: Olds' Bravada takes SUV luxury road. [D4]

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

1965 Mercury
Park Lane
Mills dream

Edward Cardinale can still recall the joyful days 35 years ago in South R.I., when he and the girl who would miss the school bus to Windsor Hill Elementary

and his when the girl's mother left them both to school in the Mercury with the "Breeze-ster" window. Life doesn't get better than that.

Cardinale has never forgotten the Mercury with the rear window that actually rolled down.

In 1980, Cardinale decided to fulfill his dream and purchase a "Breeze-ster" Mercury. He insisted on a top-of-the-line model, and the price had to be ridiculously low. The 18-month search took him throughout the country.

One of the last Mercurys he examined was in Milwaukee. It was a disappointment that he was ready to abandon the hunt. He had listened to the ad offered by Dorothy in the "Wiz-ard" because he found happiness in his own back yard.

On days after returning home from college, Cardinale found a 1965 Mercury Park Lane for sale, less than 50 miles from his home. He bought it the minute he saw it in August 2000.

It was either the fourth or fifth time Cardinale said. The 3,968-cu-in Mercury was built on Oct. 27, 1965, one of the first 1965 models. The Ames, Iowa, couple had purchased the car new. It carried a base price of \$3,369 and was

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DODGE NEON for 2002 has been redesigned to be roomier and quieter, with a more upscale look inside.

Dodge Neon: more than adequate little economy car

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

The compact car market represents more than 2 million units sold each year. The Dodge Neon, that company's small car, is sold in 61 countries and for 2002, receives moderate updates.

It comes in Base, Sporty R/T, SCCA race-ready ACR, up-level ES and its best-seller, our SE tester for this week.

Outside: Neon was redesigned in 2000, giving it a more mature look. Up front is a stylized version of the original Neon's nose, keeping its original mission of perkiness.

Oval headlights, set back into the corners of the hood and fenders, are integrated into the front end. The short hood slopes upward to the inclined windshield, over the rounded roof line and back to the stubby trunk lid.

Structural fundamentals have been improved, and with additions such as full window frames with improved sealing features, it's quieter and serves up less rainwater when you open the door to climb inside.

Bolt-on steel wheel covers are standard, though our tester was fitted with optional five-spoke alloys.

TOM HAGIN
Solo Road Test

Inside: Neon's redesign brought with it a larger interior. Slightly more shoulder and hip room all around are a result of a wider overall size, though squeezing five inside will refresh the memory that this is a subcompact.

The pronounced downward drop in the rear roof line cuts into headroom in the back seat, so riders back there will want to remove their hats.

The overall look of the interior is luxurious. Appearing as if it's a scaled-down version of Dodge's larger, more upscale LH sedan

The instrument panel is covered in a soft-touch material and offers large gauges that are deeply set into a hooded pod. Large, simple-to-operate stereo buttons control the six-speaker sound system.

Fit and finish details are finally top-notch, with seams that are uniform and seemingly rattle-free.

A 60/40 split folding rear seat gives ample storage for occasional

long items. Storage cubbyholes and cupholders are liberally supplied.

On the Road: Neons can be had with one of two engines. The first, offered only in the R/T and competition slanted ACR, is a dual overhead cam 2.0-liter inline four with 150 horsepower and 135 pound-feet of torque.

The rest of the Neon line, including our SE tester, has a single-cam, 16-valve version of the same engine and produces 132 horses with 130 pound-feet of torque.

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Toyota Camry is best selling sedan in the U.S.

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Brendan: The Toyota Camry is another one of those cars that we've never been assigned to check out, Mikele, so I was looking forward to getting behind the wheel of one for a week.

It's been the best-selling car in the country for the past four years and at around 400,000 units sold last year, it outsold its closest competitor by nearly 20,000 vehicles.

My dad wrote-up the first Camry back in '83 and even then it was hard for him to find anything that

BRENDAN/MIKELE HAGIN
Gender Gap

wasn't right. He called it the perfect small car for a small family.

But at 3,300 pounds, I don't think the '02 XLE version of the Camry can be called small anymore. The platform of last year's model had been basically unchanged during the previous 10 years but this new model is longer, wider and taller than before and ac-



TOYOTA

TOYOTA CAMRY XLE is large and luxurious with top-of-the-line safety features.

ording to the press kit, it has considerably more interior room than the last version.

The XLE is the luxury model of the lineup and our V-6-powered tester had almost all the bells-and-whistles in the Toyota repertoire. It's a leather upholstered boulevard cruiser that comes very close to being a luxury car.

Mikele: You know what a bug I am about safety, Bren, so I really appreciated the safety items on our XLE. It had a skid control system that automatically applies individual braking power on any wheel if the car gets out of line, a traction control device that reduces wheel spin during acceleration and a brake assisting program that takes over if the driver doesn't apply

enough pedal pressure to fully take advantage of the anti-lock braking system.

It has side airbags that drop down to help protect passengers in the back seats as well as the front in the event of a side impact.

The front airbags operate on a couple of different modes. If a frontal impact is relatively mild, the bags inflate at a lesser rate, but if the impact is more harsh, they inflate faster.

Brendan: There are two other versions of the '02 Camry, the XL model which is as close as you can come to an entry-level, and the SE which is a return to the concept of a sporting Camry.

The SE suspension is tighter and the steering is pumped up a

bit to give its driver more road feel at highway speed.

To differentiate the SE from the other Camrys, it was given a different grille, fog lights and a couple of other cosmetic differences. To make sure its stiffer suspension updates can be utilized to their fullest, Toyota even added some bolt-on modifications such as an auxiliary front strut tower support.

The 192-horse V-6 that was in our fancy XLE model is a holdover and does the same quiet job it's done in the past, but Toyota seems to be particularly proud of the 2.4-liter four-banger that's also available in the Camry. It's all new and puts out 157 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque.

It can be had in all three of the

Camrys and it's the only one that can be ordered with a five-speed stick shift.

Toyota marketers estimate the four-cylinder with the five-speed automatic is going to account for two-thirds of all the Camry sales in '02. There are so many options that buyers can tailor-make a Camry to suit their individual needs and tastes.

Mikele: And the SE has a long list of standard features that include air conditioning and all the usual extras. The option package that came on our test XLE included leather upholstery, front seats, a hot-shot sound system and a moon roof.

It's kind of a pricey package, \$4,300, but this is no stopgap car. But at \$1,100, optional items like skid control and computer-assisted braking are a bargain.

Brendan: Not being much of an aesthete, I can only comment on the lines of the new Camry. It's more swoopy than the old Camry, but it has a remarkable resemblance between the old and the new. The SE is a good-looking passenger car in the line.

TOYOTA CAMRY XLE

Suggested Retail	\$25,405
Price as Tested	\$31,129
Engine Type	DOHC 24-valve 3.0-liter V-6 w/SMFI*
Engine Size	183 cid/2995 cc
Horsepower	130 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque	135 @ 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Curb Weight	3,359 pounds
Fuel Capacity	18.5 gallons
Tires	(F/R) 215/60R16 all-season
Brakes	(F/R) Disc (ABS)/disc (ABS)
Drive Train	Front-engine/front-wheel-drive
Vehicle Type	Five-passenger/four-door
Mileage	City/highway 20/28

*Sequential multi-port fuel injection

Source of 'check' light should be found

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BOB HAGIN
Questions and Answers

Q I have a 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis that has 140,000 miles. It has had good care and been well maintained.

Every 2,500 miles it gets its oil changed, a new oil filter and a grease job. It runs good and drives good.

I have taken it to the garage every time something goes wrong but it seems that after I get it out, it isn't long before something else goes wrong. I have put on new brakes, one sensor, new spark plugs and new spark plug wires.

I have put new sensors in both manifolds.

Now a light above the

speedometer comes on when I drive from 20 to 30 mph. If I drive more than 50 mph the light comes on sooner. How do I get this Check Engine light to turn off?

I can pull over, turn off the ignition switch, turn it right back on and the light is off. But when I drive on, it comes back on.

Also, when it changes gears at 30 to 40 mph, the car will quiver a bit.

A The Check Engine light on your Mercury indicates that something in your engine may be

wrong but it takes a mechanic with an electronic tester to determine where the problem lies.

The tester plugs into your car's electronic system and then gives the mechanic a specific signal as to where the problem may be.

This doesn't fix the problem, it only gives him a clue as to where to look. If you haven't had your transmission serviced, it's time to do so so the mechanic can tell if something is going wrong with it.

Also, have him check the drive shaft universal joints for looseness.

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Solo

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Evolutionary changes over the years have reduced noise, vibration and harshness to levels on par with the imported sub-compacts. Power delivery is impressive, with quick throttle response and a 0-60 mph time of around eight seconds.

This is with a standard five-speed manual transmission, so expect slightly slower acceleration with the optional, and newly-available, four-speed automatic. Until 2001, Dodge offered only an anemic three-speed to buyers wanting an automatic.

Freeway passing is unstressed since maximum power comes relatively low in the engine's rpm range.

Behind the Wheel: Its stiff unit construction provides a solid platform and each successive Neon model year has brought with it improvements in handling and driveability.

The MacPherson strut suspension was reworked for 2000, with more suspension travel, an increased ride height, lower-rate springs and revised shock valving, all in an effort to produce a smoother ride.

Also added were tighter bushings for the front anti-roll bar, while the addition of a rear stabilizer bar on base model Neons has improved handling characteristics.

The rack-and-pinion steering system is precise enough to provide quick turn-in and response, and years of improvements made with the race-ready Neon ACR have filtered down into the street versions.

DODGE NEON SE

Suggested Retail	\$14,015
Price as Tested	\$15,699
Engine Type	SOHC 16-valve 2.0-liter I4 w/SMFI*
Engine Size	122 cid/1995 cc
Horsepower	192 @ 5,300 rpm
Torque	209 @ 4,400 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed manual
Curb Weight	2,689 pounds
Fuel Capacity	12.5 gallons
Wheelbase	105 inches
Tires	(F/R) P185/60R15 all-season
Brakes	(F/R) Disc/Drum
Drive Train	Front-engine/front-wheel-drive
Vehicle Type	Five-passenger/four-door
Mileage	City/highway 27/33

*Sequential multi-port fuel injection

Braking is done with front discs and rear drums, while an anti-lock braking system (ABS) package would add rear disc brakes, low-speed traction control and electronic brake proportioning.

Safety: Dual dashboard airbags, child seat tether anchors and constant-force seat belts are standard. Side-impact airbags, ABS and traction control are optional.

Options: Buyer Security Group (Side

BREEZEWAY rear window is highlight of 1965 Mercury Park Lane, whose purchase was culmination of a 35-year dream.

Classic

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one of 8,335 such models manufactured. The new Mercury, looking longer than its actual 18-foot length, rolled out of the showroom on 8.15x15-inch B.F. Goodrich Silverstone white sidewall tires.

Through all those owners, the mileage was kept in check. Even now the odometer reads less than 12,800 miles. The Mercury had been driven only 11,680 miles when Cardinale bought it. "When it turns 13,000 miles, I'm going to light a candle," Cardinale said.

The highlight of the car is the Breezeaway rear window. The window and the two side lights are all framed by chrome. The two backup lights are incorporated in the bumper. Below the bumper the dual exhaust tips protrude.

Above the rear bumper, the enormous trunk is exposed when the equally huge lid is raised. The trunk has a tier above the rear axle where the spare tire is stashed out of the way. For a top-of-the-line car, Cardinale said, his car is rather spartan.

It is not equipped with a number of common accessories, but it does have the most expensive option — air conditioning.

Since buying the car, Cardinale has acquired a salesman's book with paint chips of all the colors available in 1965. "You know," he said, "I think I would have ordered the same ocean turquoise it is."

The big car is equipped with acces-

sories, including AM radio, power windows and remote-control mirror.

Additionally, Cardinale points out the door panels. "There is an abundance of wood-grain trim." When either of the doors is opened, two lights in the doors are illuminated — a red one to allow following traffic a door was open and a white one to highlight the ground beneath the door. "They did a great job of styling," said

Since acquiring the car he has had to change only the fluids, belts and hoses. The car still has the original wiring, points, plugs and distributor, that he has an intention of driving in the rain, but Cardinale is pleased his car is equipped with two-speed wipers with intermittent feature.

The king-size Mercury rides on 15-inch wheelbase, which would almost qualify it as a limousine in today's market.

Beneath the flight-deck-sized hood is a Super Marauder 390-cu-in. V-8 engine fed by a four-barrel carburetor from a 21-gallon gas tank. While Cardinale is pleased that the engine produces 245 horsepower, he is aware it also delivers mileage of about 10 miles per gallon.

Sliding behind the two-spoke steering wheel on his chrome-decked "Breezeaway" Mercury from those days, Cardinale happily said, "They pended all the rules in those days."

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Auto dealers yield to NFL request to move 2002 Super Bowl

Automotive News Service
NADA vs. NFL: No doubt about it, the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) look forward to the annual convention and its celebration of parties. They plan for it in advance.
 The dedicated auto dealer association is a powerful ally in the form of the National Football League.
 More than a year, the NADA has been in the planning stages of its annual convention in New Orleans for the week of Feb. 2-5 of next year. The convention is past planning stage.
 Approximately 18,000 hotel rooms have been booked, more than 1,000 dealers, family members, industry representatives and employees in the car business are committed to being there and attending for all kinds of events have signed.
 Due to the fact that the NFL moved a couple of scheduled games after the terrorist attacks of



BOB HAGIN

Sept. 11, the schedule of the next Super Bowl was totally disrupted.

The Super Bowl is also scheduled for New Orleans but to accommodate the disrupted playing schedule, the NFL requested that the NADA reschedule its convention to the week before so that events surrounding Super Bowl XXXVI could take place the week of Jan. 27 through Feb. 3, with the game on Feb. 3.

After due consideration, the NADA decided that they didn't want to face an angry mob of football fans and moved their convention to the earlier date.

Car dealers are famous for mak-

ing deals.
Ford hassles Land Rover: The Ford Motor Company doesn't like red ink and lost sales, especially when it involves its leadership in the sport-utility field. Witness its fanatical defense of its Explorer in the Firestone tire debacle.

In its high-rolling days just a few years ago, Ford bought Land Rover, that venerated SUV icon from England. Ford bought Land Rover from BMW, which itself had been losing lots of deutsche-marks on Land Rover.

But while the SUV market rose considerably last year, Land Rover lost its already minuscule share during the same period and this year looks to be even worse.

Recently Land Rover became part of Ford's Premier Group of carriage-trade vehicles (Lincoln, Jaguar, Aston-Martin) and now the parent company wants to see a return on its investment. It wants better product quality, reliability and durability.

One fly in the Land Rover U.S.

ointment is the fact that many dealers have invested heavily in upscale stand-alone showroom facilities and Ford's Premier Group plan is to combine much of its operational on-site services with branching display areas.

Market experts say that Land Rover is at least five years away from meeting Ford's expectations.

Graying of auto workers: Last year, the average age of Lincoln buyers was in the low 60s, while Cadillac buyers were several years their seniors.

The average age of a qualified auto mechanic in this country is over 50 and getting older meaning that young guys aren't getting in to the trade to replace those old-timers who leave it.

The same graying scenario is being played out on American assembly lines where the new vehicles are built.

The average age of a worker on the General Motors line is 48 and rising. Ford and DaimlerChrysler are

both a bit lower at 44, then comes Nissan and Mercedes-Benz (yes, they make their SUVs here), and to Toyota, where the average is 35 years of age.

The gradual aging of industrial workers doesn't have much to do with productivity, but it has a lot to do with the bottom line of a corporation as retirement time comes around. Currently, there are almost three retired GM workers for each working hourly employee.

Transplant companies (import brands that have assembly plants here) generally have younger workers hired when the plants were new and at the time, they were collectively less interested in retirement than in high wages and health benefits.

But as it happens to all of us, Father Time is dogging their tracks.

Big brother and the black box: We recently came across a story regarding black box recording devices that were put into rental cars. After the cars were returned, the renters

were charged extra if evidence of speeding and other recordable traffic offenses showed up.

One speeder sued and won his case citing self-incrimination and invasion of privacy. He won. Now the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is looking into the feasibility of installing black box recorders in new vehicles sold here.

One of the claims is that when data recorders are installed in fleet vehicles, their drivers drive more cautiously, knowing their infractions are there to be seen. Safety experts state that highway accident patterns can be better studied if events leading up to the collisions can be evaluated.

A spokesman for the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers said that greater use of black boxes in cars and trucks is all but inevitable. Prior to the attacks on the U.S. on Sept. 11, such intrusions into our private lives would have raised a great outcry, but now it doesn't seem so remote a possibility.

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Laser radar, cameras put to task of making driving safer

BY JIM MATEJA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mich.—Oddly enough, the least, RescueCar. It introduces technology that not only for the safety of the car but also for the safety of the people inside the car. The car is being evaluated here at Ford Motor Co. and its Advanced Research and Laboratories to determine if it is feasible.

What we do here is anticipate the needs of the future, technology with the potential to change the nature of the auto industry and how to incorporate that technology into vehicles that people only can afford but have a chance to own," said Richard Parry, group vice president of product development and chief technical officer.

In order, especially because, the technology is a fragment of science that is being tested in a Ford car. Basically RescueCar uses

a system similar to the OnStar emergency communication system offered on a host of GM vehicles.

As with OnStar, when you need mechanical or medical help, press the button and you are put in voice contact with headquarters that will summon a tow truck or ambulance and pinpoint your location using global positioning satellites. If air bags deploy, voice contact is automatic.

But RescueCar does more.

Ford researchers say accident survival rates are linked to the speed and accuracy of the victim's medical care. About 40,000 lives are lost each year in traffic accidents, with about 50 percent occurring before the victim arrives at a hospital.

By reducing medical-response time, Ford figures at least 3,000 of those people could be saved. RescueCar is designed to improve the speed and quality of medical care.

Here's how it works:

When on-board sensors detect a crash, a series of data recorders start gathering information about location and severity of impact. That information is sent via the car's cell-phone system to rescue crews to get help to the scene.

The information sent includes where the vehicle was struck and at what speed as well as whether

the air bags deployed, what seats were occupied and whether seat belts were fastened. That information can be used to determine extent of injuries.

While these data are being sent to medical authorities, an on-board camera transmits a snapshot of the vehicle interior to emergency workers for a count of number of occupants and their positions.

Also, using the GPS, sensors send back the position at which it came to rest, such as on its side or upside down, to help prepare rescuers before they get to the scene.

Rescuers also can talk to the crash victims via a voice-activated cellphone to learn more about injuries as well as medical histories.

CamCar

CamCar is being tested in a Lincoln Navigator SUV. CamCar uses tiny cameras in the backs of both outside mirrors to provide a view of what's ahead while tiny cameras high along both front fenders provide a view of what's next to and behind the car.

There's also a series of tiny cameras atop the roof in back for rearward viewing.

CamCar is designed to eliminate the blind spots.

A display screen in the instrument panel directly behind the

steering wheel gives a picture of what's ahead and what's alongside. You determine which view you want by pressing a button.

The view from the pencil-size cameras in the backs of the mirrors is shown in a display screen in the center of the panel; the view of what's along the sides shows up on screens flanking the center one.

One of the important benefits of CamCar is "seeing around" what's ahead.

You are behind an 18-wheeler traveling at the speed limit on the interstate and anxious to make time. You pull out to pass on the left, only to find vehicles stopped in the passing lane by an accident. The cameras can see "around" the truck so you don't pull out and become an accident victim yourself.

Or, you are waiting in the left turn lane on that four-lane highway and it is hard to see around the vehicle across from you also trying to turn left. With the cameras, the screen will show that a subcompact is approaching.

Those forward-facing cameras also could be used to see around the vehicle ahead to help spot pedestrians about to enter the crosswalk as well as to look around vehicles to help spot a desired exit ramp or directional signage.

The roof-mounted rear cameras

show what's coming up from behind and how fast. They also have a "low light" or "night eye" to help the motorist see when backing up at night.

Testing will determine how consumers will handle looking at three screens in the instrument panel while keeping their eyes on the road. Also, for now, the cameras are controlled with a "joystick" device similar to that for a video game.

It means taking one hand off the steering wheel. Ford must decide whether consumers can easily use the joystick, which stands on its own on top of the center console; whether a control needs to be built into the center console to keep it in place and make it easier to use; or whether the system could be voice activated.

CamCar is a work in progress.

SensorCar

SensorCar is being developed using a 626 sedan from Mazda, in which Ford owns an equity interest.

The system focuses on accident avoidance by predicting an impact and warning the driver.

Sensors monitor pedestrian traffic and provide a warning if it detects someone stepping into the path of the car. SensorCar uses a grille-mounted laser radar unit to scan for pedestrians in front of the vehicle. It can detect a pedestrian dressed in black 147 feet away and one dressed in more reflective white up to 197 feet away.

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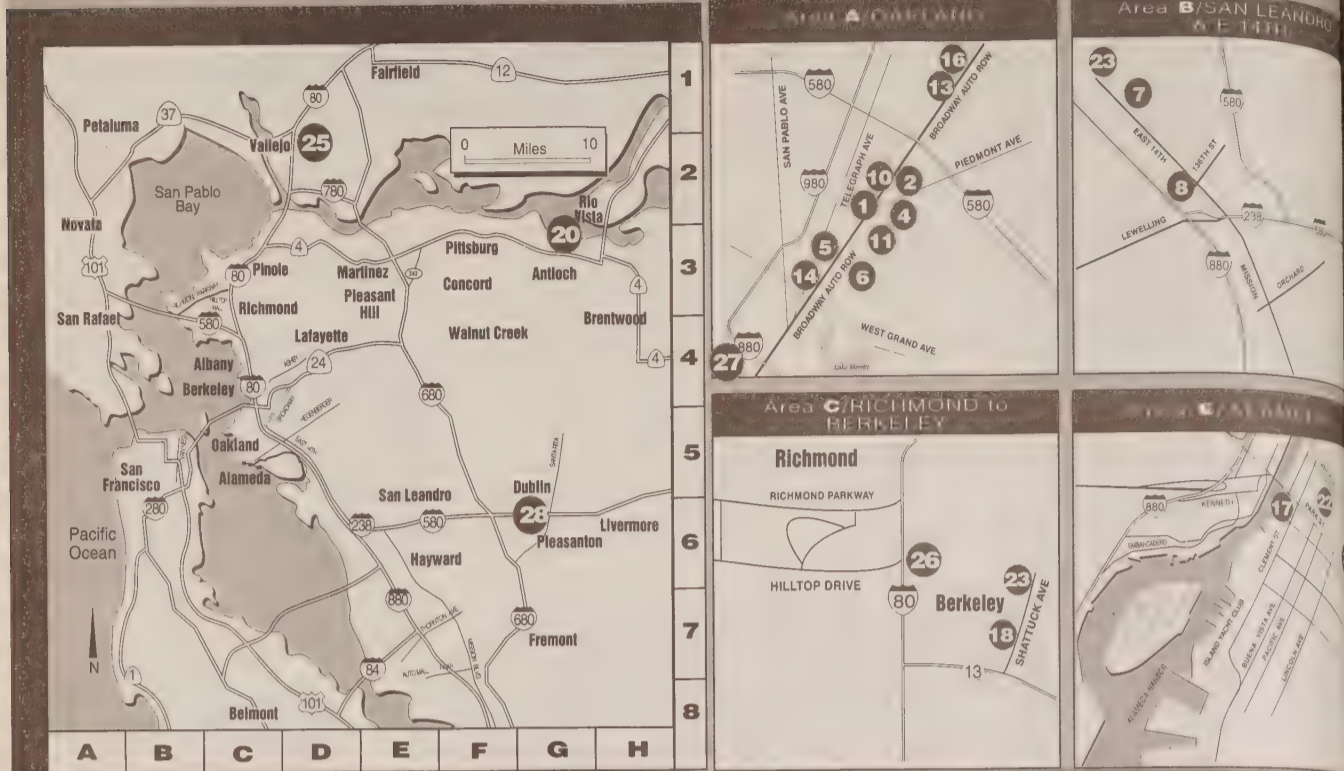
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